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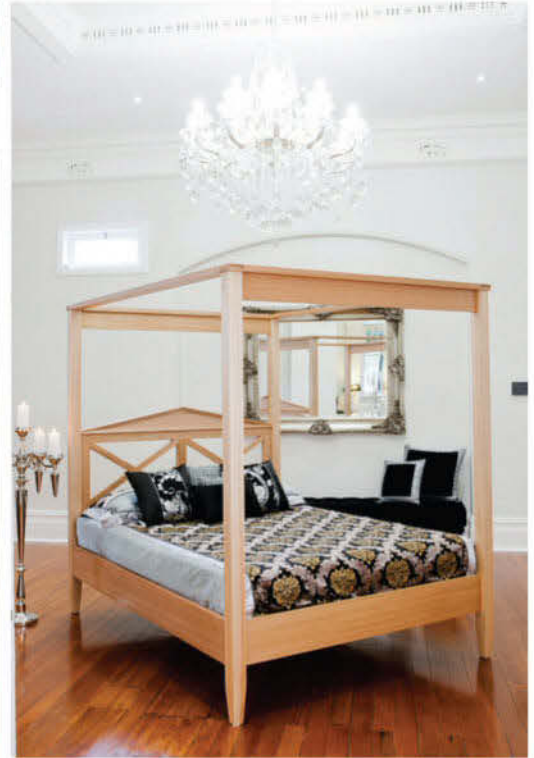


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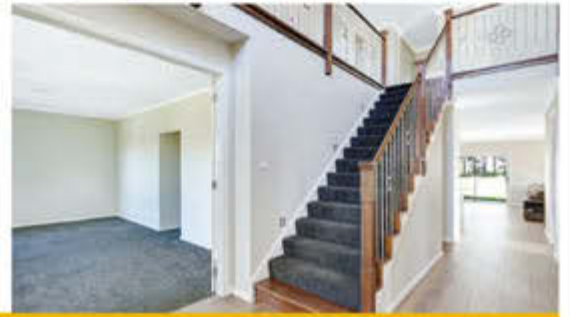
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Also good news for locals is a new 25 meter heated swimming pool at Lithgow.

Having just opened, the pool will make a welcome addition to the many sporting facilities in the area, especially in winter.

Editor in Chief: Vanessa Mace



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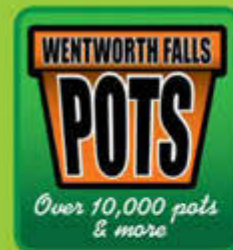
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Stephen has been with the Blue Mountains Life magazine since the very start. A local in the region he has established a great reputation in print media industry and looks forward to meeting up with his many of his clients.

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with Carol Proberts
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News

A regional round-up of headline makers.

Buttershaw Bridge.

Blue Mountains

Lawson Library

A small gathering of local library lovers and history buffs turned out to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Lawson Library building. It is one of the original Blue Mountains Shire office sites and an important building in the North Lawson heritage precinct located on the corner of San Jose Avenue and Loftus Street.

The building first opened exactly one hundred years ago on 8 May, 1915 to a fanfare from the Blackheath Brass Band playing God Save the King.

At the original opening guests witnessed the unveiling of a stone in commemoration of William Cox and the centenary of the opening of the road across the Blue Mountains. The ceremony to mark the 100 year anniversary of the building was less formal with visitors treated to cake and tea.

Building Bridges

Blue Mountains City Council has completed an important link in the popular Prince Henry Cliff Walk, replacing the historic Buttershaw Bridge at Elysian Rock, Leura. The popular section of walking track and bridge is now open to the delight of residents and visitors alike.

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The Prince Henry Cliff Walk at Leura forms part of a much larger multi day walk between Wentworth Falls and Mt Victoria which has been made possible by Council's recent construction of the shared path between Katoomba and Medlow Bath that will be known as the Grand Cliff Top Walk.

The Grand Clifftop Walk comprises scenic walking tracks and lookouts on the southern escarpment between Wentworth Falls and Katoomba.

Bathurst

Calleen Art Award

Attracting 308 entries from across the country, the 2015 Calleen Art Award and Central West Regional Art Award showcased the 55 finalists at a gala opening event.



Callen Winner Yvonne Boag with her Winning painting *Pathway, Namsan Park*.

More than 110 people attended the opening night, commencing with a reception including the announcement of the winners in the Cowra Civic Centre, before heading over to a special preview of the finalists exhibition at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery.

The winner of the 2015 acquisitive Calleen Art Award is Yvonne Boag for her large abstract landscape painting titled *Pathway, Namsan Park*, part of a series of works based on her visits over four seasons to Mason Park in Seoul, South Korea. Yvonne received \$19,000 in prize money from the Calleen Trust and her winning painting joins the Calleen Art Collection at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery.

The 2015 Central West Regional Art Award was presented to Bathurst artist Nic Mason for her portrait painting of her daughter titled *Caitlin*. This is a non-acquisitive award worth \$2,500 in prize money and as a first time winner of the award Nic Mason will also have the opportunity of a solo exhibition at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery.

Inaugural Winner

Heritage conservation consultant and immediate past Chair of the ACT Heritage Council Duncan Marshall has been announced as the inaugural winner of the Bathurst Macquarie Heritage Medal at a dinner in Bathurst this evening.

Four nominees from three states were nominated for the inaugural national \$25,000 award.



Siobhan Hennessy & Bathurst Mayor.



Duncan Marshall winner Bathurst Macquarie Heritage Medal.



UWS students Anneke Jasinski and Samantha Bell provided a contemporary approach to the design of the guide as part of their professional development.

Bathurst, Australia's oldest inland European settlement, celebrating its bicentenary year in 2015, is staking its claim on history and heritage in awarding the inaugural Bathurst Macquarie Heritage Medal, funded by Bathurst Regional Council.

Mayor of Bathurst Cr Gary Rush said Council created the award to recognise the protection, enhancement and promotion of Australia's heritage and help raise awareness about the immense value of celebrating and acknowledging the people, places and events that have shaped us today.

Honeyeater

Bathurst Regional Council has been successful in receiving funding from the NSW Environmental Trust for a project titled "Restoring Regent Honeyeater Habitat in the Bathurst Region".

The Regent Honeyeater is listed as critically endangered under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995 with estimates of remaining numbers being between 800 and 2,000 birds. The major threat to this bird is the loss of habitat, particularly in open woodland and riparian casuarina forests.

Council's restoration project will be conducted over three years and will involve weed control, willow removal and planting of a selection of local provenance plant species that are known to be associated with the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater. Works will be based along 1,000 metres of the Macquarie River in the area upstream of Rankens Bridge (Eglinton Bridge).

Past Train

Mayor of Bathurst Cr Gary Rush will officially accept a significant cultural gift from the Hennessy family, the model railway layout of the Bathurst to Tarana railway line, on Monday 20 April, 2015.

The layout, the creation of Paul and Bonny Hennessy, is reputed to be the largest HO scale layout in Australia, which was brought to life by John Brown, a well-known New South Wales modeller.

There is approximately 3,500 metres of track and is a re-creation of the main line, stations and bridges between Bathurst and Tarana including the Bathurst Station building yards, Kelso, Raglan, Brewongle and Locksley Stations, the Tarana Bridge over the Macquarie River, the three arch bridge at Brewongle and the branch line to Oberon (from Tarana).

Hawkesbury

Regional Alliance

Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Penrith City Councils are taking the next step to explore a new strategic alliance which aims to support regional cooperation and strengthen the long term future of each council.

None of the three Councils have been targeted for amalgamation under the NSW Government's 'Fit for the Future' reform package, but each Council is required to demonstrate that it has the scale and capacity to be financially sustainable and can deliver efficient and effective services in the long term.

Penrith Mayor Councillor Ross Fowler OAM said, "Through this proposed Regional Strategic Alliance the three Councils can look to do things together more effectively to save money and improve services for their respective communities."

Hawkesbury Mayor Councillor Kim Ford believes the development of a strategic alliance would give the Councils a stronger voice to advocate for major regional initiatives such as economic development, tourism, waste management, environmental protection, urban development, recreation, infrastructure and procurement.

Blue Mountains Mayor Councillor Mark Greenhill said, "A regional alliance is worth exploring as one way to improve the outcomes for our respective communities. It could offer opportunities for participating Councils to be more competitive in securing funding and to work in partnership on projects that are beyond the capacity of individual councils, for the benefit of all three local government areas".

Visitor guide

The new 'Discover the Hawkesbury' visitor guide was officially launched at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery by The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport.

The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Kim Ford believes the guide is set to place the Hawkesbury as a reawakened destination for tourism.

"It is the outcome of a collaborative project between Hawkesbury City Council, the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and local business owners," Councillor Ford said.

Two local UWS interns have created and designed the visitor guide as a promotional tool that reflects the changes in the way print media is used by the market. The result is an innovative approach to advertising,



The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Kim Ford with Richmond Mainstreet Inc. Secretary Venecia Wilson and local business owner Megan Wood.

Lake Wallace.



steering away from individual business brands competing for attention. The guide offers readers' a cohesive vision of the beauty and diversity of tourism experiences in our area.

According to Councillor Ford, the visitor guide is a great example of what a collaborative effort can achieve.

"Through this guide, the Hawkesbury is sending a cohesive message about all that we have to offer and especially that we are not Brooklyn – we have so many experiences to taste and locations to visit!"

"I would like to particularly congratulate Belinda Mitrovich, our Visitor Information Centre Coordinator who has led this project. The result is not only a magnificent publication but a wonderful professional development experience for local UWS students Anneke Jasinski and Samantha Bell, who are studying Visual Design within the School of Humanities and Communication Arts.

Hey Tosser

Council has secured \$90,000 in funding from the NSW Environmental Protection Authority to rollout the 'Hey Tosser' program which focuses on litter prevention in the Hawkesbury.

The 'Hey Tosser' program targets littering in three identified litter hotspots: Windsor Street, Richmond; North Richmond Shopping Centre car park, North Richmond; and McDonalds/KFC car park at McGraths Hill. These sites were identified after Council conducted a litter audit across the Hawkesbury.

The 'Hey Tosser' campaign features the installation of new garbage bins and cigarette butt bins, as well as an education campaign aimed at reducing the incidents of litter in the area.

Lithgow

New Indoor Pool

Dig those cossies out from the back of your wardrobe and head down to the new Lithgow Indoor Aquatic Centre which has opened its doors.

The new pool also means the Council is anticipating to conduct Learn To Swim Lessons from the third school term.

The Chair of the Indoor Aquatic Centre Committee, Councillor Ray Thompson, said that aqua aerobics trial classes are organized on the following days and times: Monday at 9.30am; Tuesday at 6pm; Wednesday at 1.15pm (Seniors Class); Thursday at 6pm; Friday at 7am; Saturday at 8.30am.

Support Springvale

The Mayor of Lithgow City Council has encouraged local residents to show its support for the application by Centennial Coal for the Springvale Mine Project Extension application currently before the Planning Assessment Commission.

"We are all well aware of the difficult period that the Lithgow community has had in recent times with the economy tightening, world coal prices dropping and the loss of local jobs, including those from the recently closed Angus Place Mine" said Lithgow City Council Mayor, Councillor Maree Statham.

"Unfortunately we now face another very serious challenge where Centennial Coal is seeking to extend the life of the Springvale Mine by renewing its current planning consent."

"The Springvale Mine employs in excess of 300 direct jobs, most of whom live in the Lithgow Local Government Area, added to this is the critical nature of Springvale Mine coal supply to Mt Piper Power Station" said Mayor Statham.

"This project means a lot to the people of the Lithgow region and I would implore residents to express their support for this project."

National Youth Week

Youth Week celebrations kicked off with an action filled event on Saturday at the Lithgow Skate Park, and will continue with a Photo Competition offering some amazing prizes.

Lithgow celebrated Youth Week with an exciting event featuring professional BMX and scooter demonstrations and coaching by Newtons Nation, and a free BBQ provided by the Lithgow Lion's Club, at the Lithgow Skate Park.

"The professional riders from Newtons Nation have been coming to our Skate Park in Lithgow for years, they always comment on what a wonderful facility we have, and provide amazing coaching and advice to our local young people," said Lithgow City Council Mayor, Councillor Maree Statham. "The demonstrations and skills displayed by Newtons Nation were very popular with the crowd, and provided great entertainment and fun for our local youth during National Youth Week celebrations," concluded the Mayor.

Each year thousands of young people from all over Australia come



Youth Week Lithgow



Robertson Park

together to get involved in National Youth Week - the largest celebration of young people in Australia that recognises the contribution young people make to our communities.

RV Friendly

The highly sought after title of being RV friendly has been officially bestowed upon the towns of Portland and Wallerawang.

The Recreational Vehicle (RV) market is one that is attractive to any town, given the financial clout wielded by the owners of these rigs and their tendency to stay in areas for prolonged periods of time.

For any additional information regarding the camping at Lake Wallace or Kremer Park or about the accreditation please feel free to call Lithgow Visitor Information Centre on 1300 760 276.

Orange

Pear's History

Molong has celebrated its place in the development of the Packham Triumph Pear.

Merle Parrish (CWA Champion Cook and Master Chef Mentor) cooked a Pear and Spice Cake with the Packham Pear at the Molong Community Hall, Bank Street, Molong.

The 'Packham's Triumph' pear was developed in 1896 in Molong by Charles Henry Packham after many years of experimentation. Recognised immediately as an outstanding fruit, the pear is still one of the most popular pears in Australia today.

Local reports in the early 1900s extolled the virtues of the fruit as "It is a triumph in the pear culture – the flavour being quite unique – a beautiful sugary flavour, yet sufficiently tart to prevent it becoming insipid-melting, juicy and pleasantly perfumed".

The Molong Historical Museum has the small wooden knife on display which tells the story of how trees were grafted in 1896 to create new varieties of fruit.

Orange Base Hospital

Orange City Council has signed an agreement with Health Infrastructure for the purchase of the old Orange Base Hospital.

Orange Mayor John Davis said the deal was about taking a controlling

interest in a development opportunity.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It is an entire city block close to the CBD. There are great opportunities to retrofit parts of the old hospital and to create new types of residential living not generally offered in regional cities," Cr Davis said.

"We have a master plan offering commercial opportunities, higher residential densities, apartment living and terrace housing."

The sale price of the 2.1 hectare hospital sites is \$3.3 million Council will pay Health Infrastructure \$1 million and \$2.3 million will be retained to cover the costs of demolition and remediation.

Stage one involves demolition and remediation across the site. This will require development consent.

The Story of Orange

The search begins for objects that will help tell the rich history of the Orange region and local residents are being asked to search their attic for treasures from the past.

Planning is under way for the first round of temporary exhibitions to be displayed in the new Orange Regional Museum which is due to be open next year. Exhibition planners are now looking for artifacts which could fit in with the first series of displays.

To help compile a list of the possible historic objects through the region, a series of 'casting call' sessions will be held in the coming months where local residents can bring in their historic object to be assessed. After the session, the resident would then take their object home. They may be contacted again once the exhibition is being assembled.

Cenotaph Renovation

With the installation of two statues, Orange City Council's refurbishment of the Cenotaph in Robertson Park has been completed.

The statues were created by Newcastle-based artist Julie Squires, who arranged for actual WW1 uniforms to be borrowed from the War Memorial in Canberra, which were then 3D scanned to make the bronze figures.

The refurbishments also include an improved marble-tiled platform around the cenotaph, as well as better access with the addition of stairs, hand-rails and a ramp.



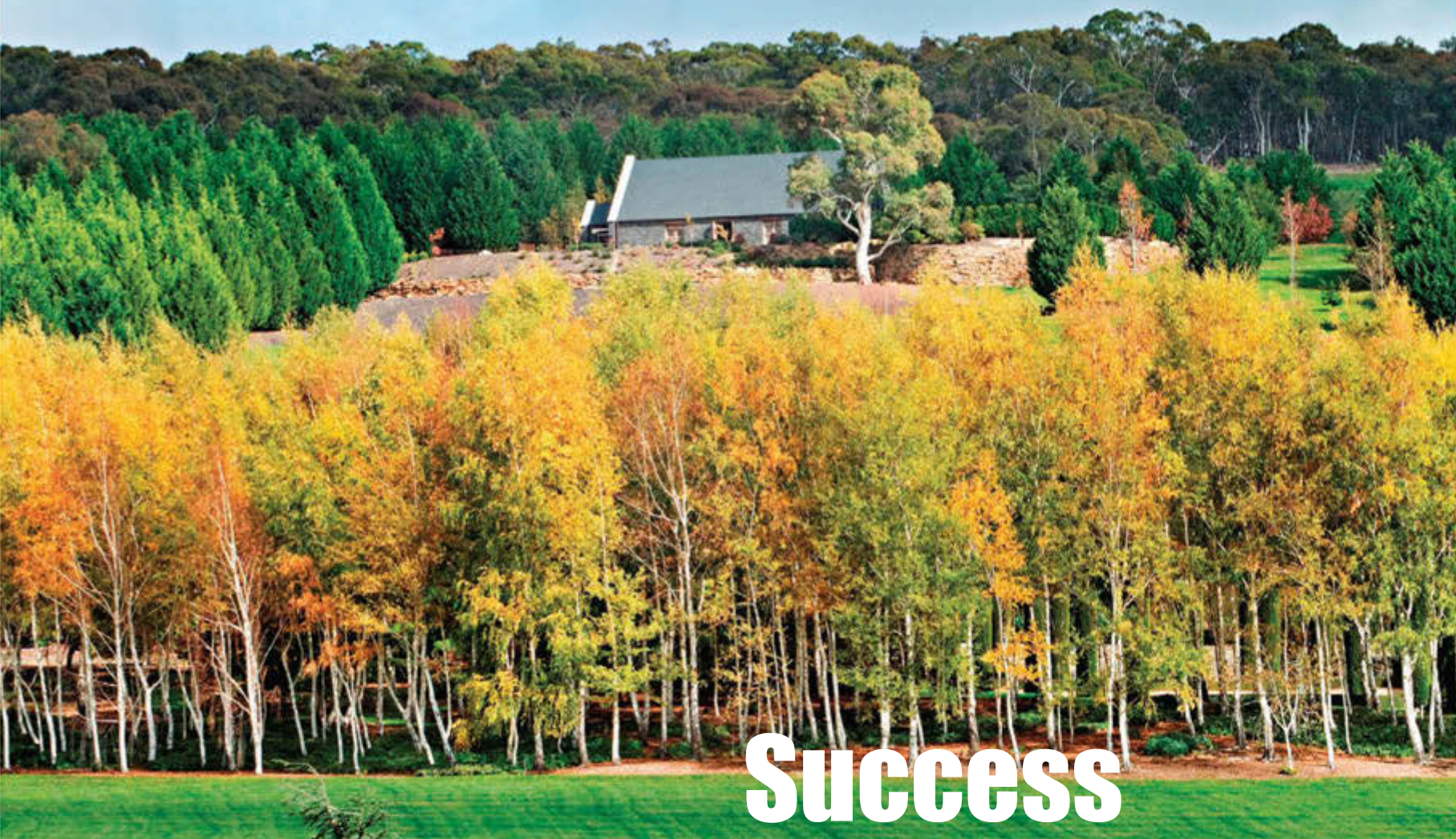
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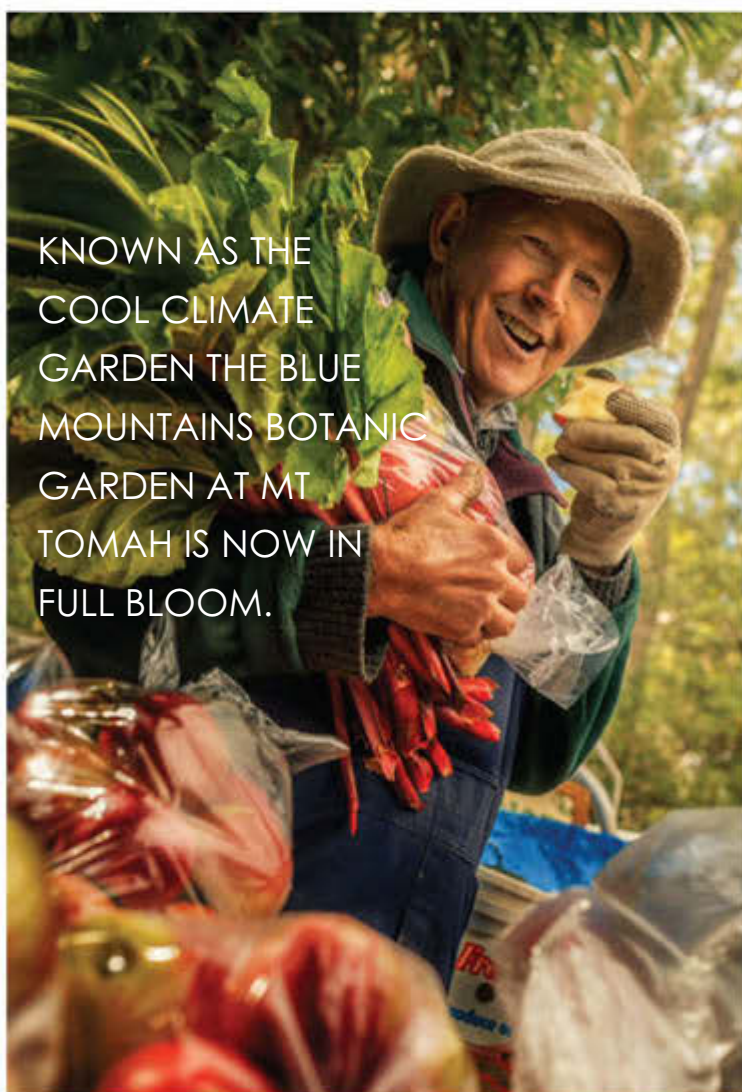
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This autumn during the seasonal Private Garden Open Days event, Mayfield Garden unveiled its latest addition, an expansion of the heath and heather garden near the Family Chapel. Months of preparation and planting went into the new garden, which incorporates conifers and heath and heather plants with lush lawn areas between the garden beds.

The new garden beds are located near the amphitheatre and provide an eye catching journey to the chapel which overlooks all that Mayfield Garden has to offer. ❖

Plants Saved

A quest to save 15 endangered plants from extinction and raise awareness about conservation saw 30 Royal Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands staff set off on a gruelling treks totalling 380kms.

"The 15 plants the Save a Species Walk 2015 teams would like to save face imminent extinction", aid Dr Brett Summerell, Deputy Executive Director, Science and Conservation.

There's a sense of urgency as we're faced with the grim reality of a worldwide increase in plant extinctions from threats such as pathogens, bushfires and urbanisation.

It costs \$2000 to save each plant, the money covers the cost of collecting plant specimens and storing seeds at the Australian PlantBank.

So far the community has helped us raise just over \$16,000 but their target is \$30,000. Three Save a Species Walk 2015 teams started from different locations early in the morning with each route leading teams back to the Australian PlantBank in Mount Annan. ❖

Hawkesbury Art Fair

A showcase of local artists, designers and craftspeople (pictured right: Mellissa Read-Devine and Darren Oates); and an opportunity to buy original art from some of the Hawkesbury's best artists will be held on 29 May – 14 June. Details contact Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor.



Watching William. Linocut. by Mellissa Read-Devine.



Rocky Ground

Rock Ground by Rowan Matthews will be held at the Blue Mountains Cultural centre from Aug 1. This is an expressionist exhibition of paintings and drawings that look at mountain landscapes with a focus on the temporary activities caused by weather and bigger earth-sculpting changes that take place over time. The work notes the experience of being in some dramatic places including the Blue Mountains and the New England Tablelands. The exhibition shows a connection between drawing and painting on small and large scale, making active marks that respond directly as part of the artist's engagement.



Let the Earth Hear. Acrylic on Canvas. Mellissa Read-Devine.



This work (and the one on the left) are by Hawkesbury fine furniture designer/maker, Darren Oates.

Art Collection

A collection of abstract art works, referencing the four elements of earth, water, wind and fire, from the Lithgow City Council Art Collection were on exhibited in the *Elements of Abstraction* Exhibition at Eskbank House and Museum.

The exhibition will feature paintings in abstract styles that explore the concept of the four elements of earth, water, wind and fire. The artists have used colour, texture, shape and composition to explore the idea of the elements in abstract forms.



Landforms by G Carter. *Elements of Abstraction* Exhibition.



Robert Wainwright

Maverick Mountaineer

Robert Wainwright has been a journalist for 25 years, rising from the grassroots of country journalism in Western Australia to a senior writer with The Sydney Morning Herald. His latest book was launched and called *Maverick Mountaineer*: George Ingle Finch, the wild colonial boy who took on the British Alpine establishment.

It is about George Ingle Finch who grew up in Orange in the 1890s and fell in love with the idea of mountains while chasing wallabies up Mt Canobolas on a dewy morning in the spring of 1902. His family had established Nubrygyn Station near Molong in the 1840s and he went to school at Wolaroi.

His family travelled to Europe for a holiday when he was 14 years old and stayed. He then became one of the great mountaineers of his era paving the way for Hillary's climb of Everest, oxygen masks for climbing and puffer jackets. But that is not all. He became a scientist, inventor and father to actor Peter Finch.

Tim Winters

Orange Regional Gallery will hold the long-awaited survey of the art of Tim Winters is curated by Dr Andrew Flatau and covers the major genres of his diverse artistic practice, including drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and collaborative ceramics.

Tim Winters has travelled extensively throughout the Australian outback and elsewhere (including Scotland, Japan, Brittany, Italy, Sark and Orkney), and wherever he has gone, he has explored and immersed himself in the landscape. His work has always been concerned with a personal, poetic and structural interpretation of space and the visual articulation of experience.

Ambon by Lloyd Swanton

The world premiere performance of Lloyd Swanton's music suite, *Ambon* will take place June 6 at the stunning new Blue Mountains Theatre in Springwood.

Ambon draws from the secret, coded POW diary of Swanton's uncle Stuart, part of the ill-fated Gull Force sent to defend Ambon, Indonesia in World War II. *Ambon* brings together hymns, work song, gospel, military marches, island music and jazz, to create something of beauty out of great horror, in the process offering us insight into a little-known tragedy in our recent past. Venue: Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub, 108 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. Date: Saturday June 6 from 8.00pm.



Darug Art

This is Darug Art': an exhibition by Dr Shane Smithers will be held at the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden.

Dr Shane Smithers is a Darug man of the Burraberongal clan. His traditional lands extend along the Hawkesbury River and up into the Blue Mountains, including the Mount Tomah area. Shane spent many years searching caves and rock platforms, old books and museums looking for the art of his people.

Shane's exhibition: 'This is Darug Art' presents a collection of paintings, artefacts and sculptures that bring to life the ancient stories, style and symbols of the Darug people. The traditional symbols, lines and shapes are here presented in a captivating, contemporary way, true to the ancient and yet modern in their aesthetic.

The exhibition will be held from June 6 to July 31. Location: Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Bells Line of Road, Mount Tomah.



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grated Parmesan cheese, to serve
500g ribbon type pasta

Place tomatoes, olives, basil and vinegar in a bowl and stand for 30 minutes. Cook pasta in boiling water until tender, drain and keep warm.

Heat oil in a large pan and sauté garlic, sage and salami until golden. Remove from the heat and toss through pasta with tomato mixture. Serve with Parmesan cheese and bread.

RECIPE BY LEANNE DE BORTOLI



Breadwinner

She already brings home the bacon working in law, but Rachel Roberts is hamming things up with a year of dinner parties to hone her culinary skills.

By Vanessa Mace



She has a career some people would die for, but Blue Mountains lawyer Rachel Roberts says her idea of success is making food people will remember long after they eat it. And although she's no master chef, she has pledged to host a dinner every month this year.

Rachel, who has no formal experience in the kitchen whatsoever, is cooking her way through the entire 2015 De Bortoli Calendar. What's more, she's even convinced the De Bortoli family to provide free of charge a years worth of wines to match the menu.

What began as a pet project has begun to steam roll, with celebrity chef Matt Moran apparently contacting her online during her January dinner party to politely tell her that she had burnt his seafood pie.

And other equally high profile chefs have joined in, fascinated by the amateur experiment.

Apparently for many years now, the De Bortoli family have published a calendar featuring a classic Italian recipe paired with a different wine. Some are simple rustic pieces easily whipped up on a busy week night while others are deceptively difficult. Rachel first discovered the delectable calendar five years

ago when, along with three friends, the group cooked their way through the entire publication.

"It was a really fun thing to do. Each month, we hosted a dinner party and cooked the monthly recipe featured in the calendar. It was always loads of laughs with the odd dramatic cooking disaster to liven things up," explains Rachel.

"During the course of 2010, I became friends with the De Bortoli family who are just a really lovely, warm and welcoming group of people."

But unfortunately Rachel and her cooking friends group went their separate ways. Late last year, Rachel was up in the Hunter Valley to see the Rolling Stones and visited the De Bortoli cellar door again to do some wine tasting. Sitting on the bench was a copy of the current 2015 De Bortoli calendar.

"Once I started flicking through it, I fell in love with the recipes all over again. So it occurred to me that I could try and cook the calendar in 2015 but this time on my own. No one to help this year - just me solo."

While the De Bortoli family instantly agreed to the idea and provided the matching wine as they did in 2010, Rachel wondered if she was biting off more than she could chew when the family suggested posting Rachel's adventure on the official De Bortoli website.

You can see how Rachel has fared so far, in glorious detail, by going online. For those not on the net, Rachel must try to recreate the recipe featured in the

calendar. She said while some months are relatively easy, others are far more challenging than they appear, like getting bread crumbs to stick to pumpkin slices and cook it without it going soggy or getting burnt.

"I have to confess, I have only had mixed successes so far."

While many ingredients have been fairly simple to source, there have been some difficult items. She's had to track down different grades of gelatine, as well as elusive wild mushrooms. On another occasion she was stumped by a request for a smoked lemon and asked her dad to try and make one on his trusty Webber BBQ.





"Despite a fair few failures, my 'Cooking Your Calendar 2015' project has been really well received and many other chefs have helped me on the journey," says Rachel proudly.

"Matt Moran of ARIA has been involved, as well as Claire de Lune of Claire's Kitchen at Le Salon, Colin Selwood of The Cottage Scone, and recently Monty Koludrovic of Icebergs at Bondi. Having the interest of professional chefs has been quite exciting and it certainly inspires me to perform as a cook, no matter what recipe I am making. But at the end of the day, I'm just an amateur, so I try not to place myself under too much pressure."

As to hosting each dinner party, there are three parts involved. Firstly, she writes an 'Announcement' about two weeks before a dinner party.

"In my Announcement, I announce and describe the De Bortoli recipe and the matched wine for that month; introduce my guests and the venue and discuss any other dishes or aperitifs that have been contributed by other people, such as Aussie chefs or bartenders."

"Then on the night (during my preparation, cooking and throughout the dinner party itself) I post status updates about my progress to Facebook and Instagram."

"And that is when the De Bortoli family (usually Leanne De Bortoli), other chefs and my family and friends take part in the on-line social media 'conversation'."

Rachel says she got quite a surprise in January when Matt Moran joined her on social media. In addition to the January De Bortoli recipe which was a simple zucchini salad, she also prepared Matt Moran's Prawn and Fish Pie to beef up the meal.

"When I was cooking Matt's recipe, he watched via Facebook and made comments throughout the night. And he told me I'd burnt the pastry which was very cheeky of him - albeit true!"

During her February dinner party, she prepared a fig tart from a recipe



from her friend chef Colin Selwood from The Cottage Restaurant in Scone. It was to be the perfect finish to the main meal (Emeri De Bortoli's Warm Summer Pasta), but just before she served the pie to her guests, a stressed out Rachel dropped it face side down on the carpet.

There's plenty of potential for future disasters with a yogurt panna cotta, smoked trout salad with baked ricotta and grilled zucchini and a traditional rabbit casserole among the recipes yet to feature. But Rachel is hardly concerned.

With double degrees in Arts and Law under her belt, and currently studying a Masters of Art Curatorship, Rachel has her pick of paid work. But, like all the best experiences in life, Rachel's cooking experiment was done "100 per cent for fun." ❖

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MUSIC, PERFORMING AND
A LOVE OF THE ARTS HAS
BEEN A SUSTAINING FORCE
THROUGHOUT MONICA'S LIFE.

Road **Less** Travelled

Monica's passion for music and local issues has set her apart from the rest and made her a well known resident.

Written by Christine Sweeney



Cr Morse at Mount Panorama

Former Bathurst Regional Council Mayor and long-time Bathurst resident Monica Morse co-incidentally followed in the mayoral footsteps of her father-in-law Mr Alan Morse, Mayor of Bathurst 1944-46 and 1951-56, who in turn served as Deputy Mayor to his father-in-law, Ald PJ Moodie (1941-43) albeit being born and raised the other side of the world and enjoying a life of globe-trotting prior to settling in Bathurst

Born one of two daughters to a teacher and cabinet maker father and extremely well educated, well read and fiercely independent teacher mother in pastoral Hampshire, UK (a region much like the fictional English county of Midsomer in the well-known Midsomer Murders television series) was significant for Monica "it is a very formative part of your life, growing up in a small country village. We were very, very close to nature.....we had butterflies, caterpillars in jars, tadpoles in jars. We knew the names of all the flowers and trees". Having a musical mother meant that Monica and her older sister learnt the piano from age five with Monica also taking up the violin at seven. Music, performing and a love of the Arts has been a sustaining force throughout Monica's life. Originally intending to study maths on leaving school, participation in the ABC TV (UK) The Sunday Break television show where she met interesting public figures, artists and



Cr Monica Morse with Youth Week rep Nathan.

MONICA BELIEVES THIS TIME IN HER LIFE IS EXCITING BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

musicians, gave the young Monica an interest in the media and she took up her first full time job at the BCC in London.

Work and marriage subsequently took her to live in the Red Sea port town of Aden (in what is now the Yemen Arab Republic) at a time when the north of the country was under Hamidaddin family rule and Aden in the south was still under British rule. "This was total travelling adventure" says Monica "in some of the old parts of Aden it was as if you had been transported back 2,000 years in time. There were donkeys and camels and exotic food smells, it was just fantastic". And as if searching for a complete contrast in culture and lifestyle, the family's next move was to Tasmania. Living in Battery Point, one of Hobart's oldest and most historic areas, Monica sought out like-minded creative people and in her time there, flourished. Her love of nature and wildlife took her on camping trips and explorations of the pristine areas of Freycinet Peninsula, Coles Bay, Maria Island National Park and relished in the comfort of close family ties in north-west coastal town of Ulverstone "Tasmania gets into your soul" says Monica.

Moving for a short time to Melbourne created another opportunity for exotic and uncharted travel this time to Papua New Guinea. Settling in Port Moresby her three young children embraced their 'multicultural school, no television, outdoor at all hours, sea swimming lifestyle' Monica reflects that their time in PNG was a huge influence on them all "it was a very interesting life for the children to grow up in. They became quite resourceful."

Looking to further her own creativity and resourcefulness led Monica to full time study "I felt that I needed to replenish my learning, I just needed to learn more things, if that makes sense". Moving to Bathurst to take up a place at Charles Sturt University (formerly Mitchell College of Advanced Education) Monica says "I loved going to study, I just loved being a student, I did a communications degree and I did a lot of theatre media and two extra majors in personnel management major and a recreation major. I soaked it up like blotting paper and I loved it". At the finish of her degree Monica commenced working for CSU's Foundation and as the CSU

student recruitment officer. Close working ties with the Bathurst Regional Council led to a position in media and events; organising the Bathurst leg of the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay, the Centenary of Federation Parade and countless hours of external and internal media such as the council newsletter (where she visited and interviewed every department and section of the council) giving her an exclusive understanding of the inner workings of the council.

It was whilst working with the CSU Foundation that she met her husband of over 20 years Michael Morse. Well known for their very successful business venture Belinda's Business Centre both Michael and Monica have contributed enormously to public life in Bathurst. "I love the community aspect of Bathurst so it seemed natural progression to become a Councillor and to stand for council." Standing on the ticket of former Bathurst Councillor and Mayor, now State Member for Bathurst Paul Toole MP, Monica was elected to council on a four year term in 2008 and elected mayor in 2012. 2015 has brought on a new role for Monica that of organiser and facilitator of several community events that will recognise and celebrate the 200th birthday of Bathurst as the first inland NSW settlement. Monica also continues with her role as a BRC Councillor, playing viola in the Bathurst Chamber Orchestra and her commitment to the Cancer Council's Relay for Life.

In 1992 Monica was diagnosed with breast cancer and two years later bone cancer. Monica likens her experience of dealing with cancer and the chemotherapy and radiotherapy that went with it, to that of learning to play the viola (a completely new instrument and musical key to her) after a severely torn finger ligament halted her lifelong violin playing and required her to switch to the viola if she was ever to play a stringed instrument again. "I think both with learning a new instrument and dealing with cancer, if you can actually deal with it head on and take positive steps to overcome it or deal with it.....if you put the effort in and say 'that is what I'm going to do, I'm going to do this and this will make me better or it will make me play the viola' it actually will do you good. It is the power of positive thought, I suppose," says Monica. "I can't sing anymore though because of the radiation. It's probably just as well!"

Monica believes this time in her life is exciting both personally and professionally - enjoying her and Michael's seven grandchildren and taking on a major role in this year's Bathurst 200 celebration brings a sense of completion in honouring her family and community ties. "I think there is a sense of belonging in Bathurst, people are actually kinder to each other and there is a sense of community" says Monica "It was strange and new for me to come to Bathurst at the time but I loved it as soon as I got here." ❖



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Above Top: After the Hunt. Above:
Rouse family 2nd and 3rd generation
outside Rouse Hill House, Sept 1859.
Right: Hunt lunch table in arcade.



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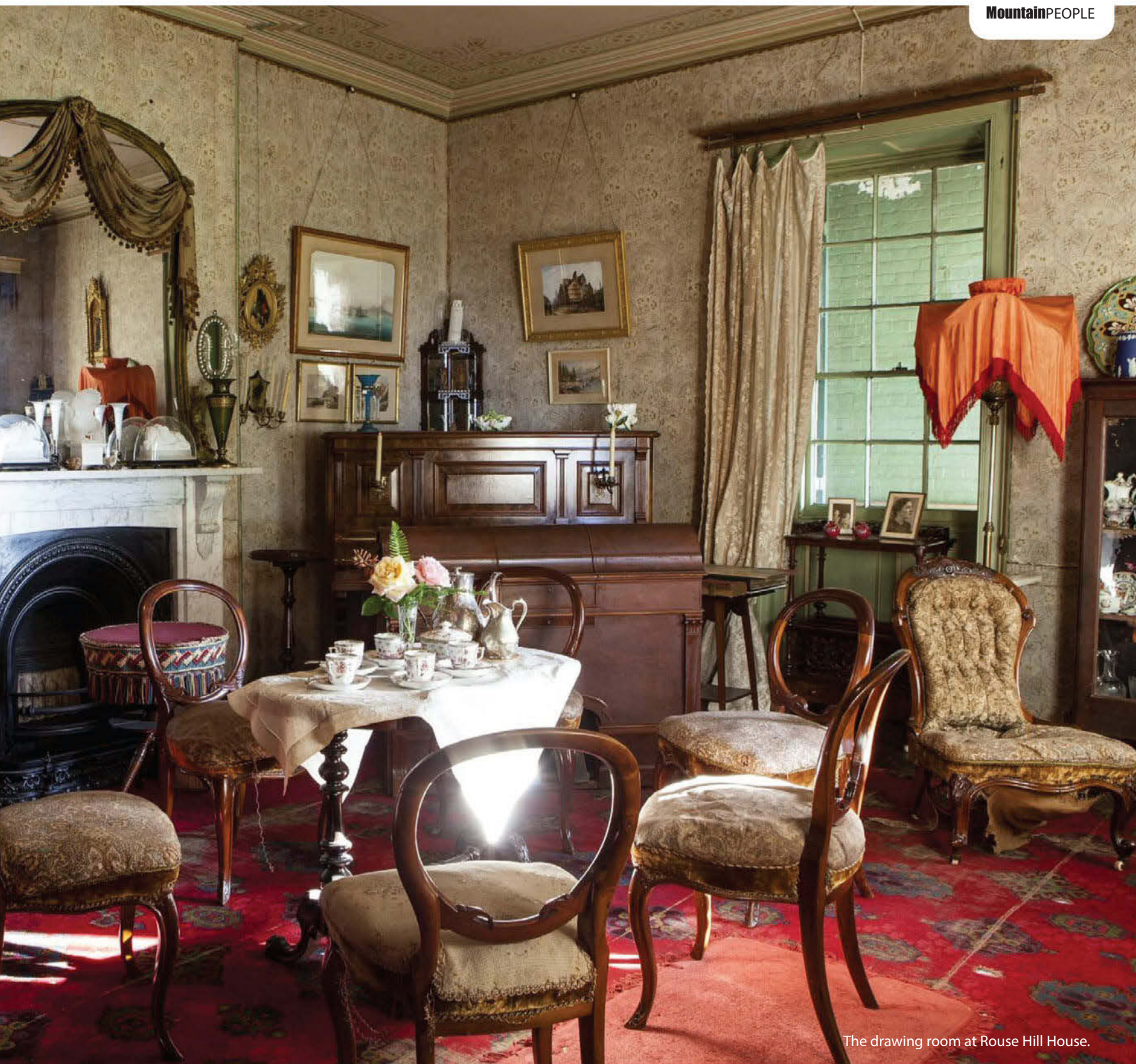
Scott Hill, Curator at Sydney Living Museums explains why Rouse Hill House is a vital link to our past.

By Joni Leimgruber

When strolling through Rouse Hill House and Farm and admiring the meticulously preserved rooms, it's difficult not to let your imagination get the better of you. Over the years, the Rouse and Terry families have added their own touches to the piece which has become a literal collage of the lives and eras of six generations and a living memento to some of the challenges and triumphs in our nation's history. World War One memorabilia, sits alongside late 19th century scrapbooks of paintings by Bessie Rouse, daughter of Richard, and early 20th century patterned wallpaper. One can't help but be curious about whose feet walked these well-trodden carpets, through centuries gone by. Whose words and laughter filled these rooms and whose stories were told and lives lived within these tall, now fading, walls. Nor can a visitor help but wonder

at the original inhabitants reaction, had they today been able to glance out their deep-set, Victorian pane windows to see the view now lying below what was once their country homestead - four lanes of traffic on Windsor Road, bright sets of traffic lights, thousands of cars speeding by and a looming hardware store.

The contrast is striking, so much as to be surreal. The links are hard to find between today's modern world and this home, so well preserved in its ageless beauty and finery – until a visit to the downstairs school room, where a 1960s TV sits, amongst generations of family photos and antique rugs bringing a touch of the modern world. It is then we remember – this regal home is a family home, lovingly cherished for two hundred years, and that we are fortunate enough to be able to enjoy this legacy – one of only a



The drawing room at Rouse Hill House.

few properties in the country still boasting its original furnishings.

Rouse Hill house was built by Richard and Elizabeth Rouse, free settlers who had been previously overseeing their farm at North Richmond on the banks of the Hawkesbury River. They were granted another 450 acres of land in 1816, at the spot we now call Rouse Hill. The house, situated high above a toll road built to provide access to the Hawkesbury, was originally a tollhouse, half way between Parramatta and Windsor. The two storey sandstone home, built by convicts between 1816 and 1818, boasts lavish stables designed by well-known architect Horbury Hunt. To the back, the servants' wing bears tools used by two hundred years of hard working hands. It is a stately and simple building, with an elegant verandah wrapping around the front. Surrounded by one of Australia's oldest surviving original gardens and featuring wide open lawns and a classic, white rotunda, the home seems purpose built for entertaining guests and for providing a comfortable, enjoyable lifestyle for its inhabitants. The



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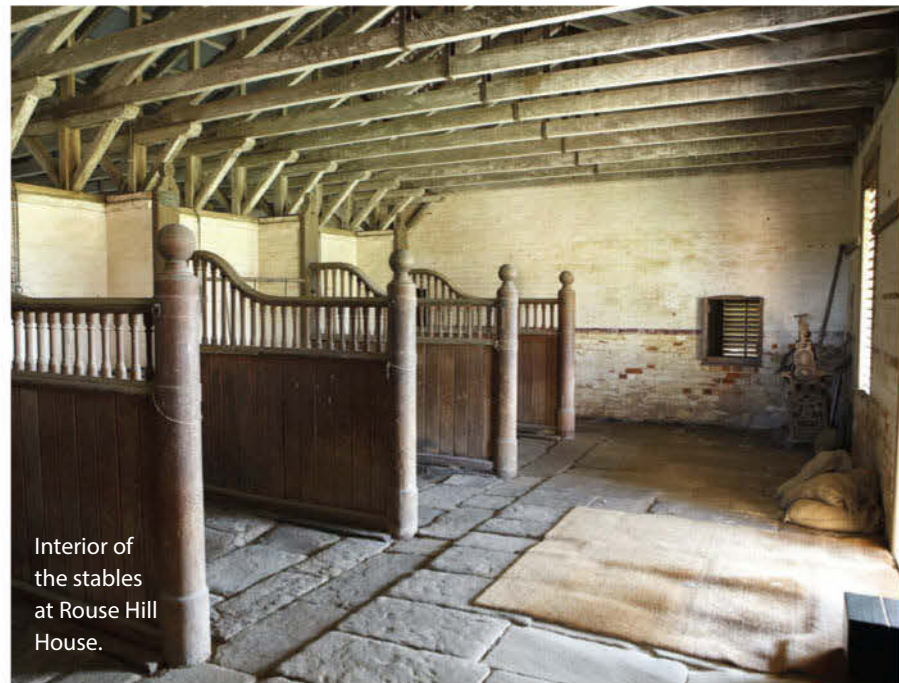
The schoolroom at Rouse Hill House.

THE LINKS ARE HARD TO FIND BETWEEN TODAY'S MODERN WORLD AND THIS HOME.

arcade which runs through the servants' quarters can be easily imagined as a bustling hive of activity as the servants worked to care for the property and to lavishly host guests.

One such event was the hunt lunch of 1895, for the members of the Sydney Hunt Club. The property was often used for stag hunts although as Scott Hill, Curator at Sydney Living Museums explains, there was a strange pattern of interruptions to hunting plans. "The fun bit is that they were going to hunt a stag that had been brought out specifically, but it strangely escaped the night before and did a runner." Consequently, the group had to go and find a big hessian sack with the scent of animal – preferably one that the family pet dingo had been sleeping on – and drag it around the country side for the hounds to follow after. Appropriately, this was called a 'drag'. Scott further explains that this wasn't a one off occurrence and that the hunt animals, which were usually brought in and housed especially for a specific hunt, often went missing the night before. One can only wonder whether there was a resident animal rescuer at work. Because of this reoccurrence, drags became a common event for the Rouse and Terry families.

The Rouse family was known for hosting lavish parties, theatricals, concerts and recitals and counted many important people as friends. Australian bush poet A.B (Banjo) Paterson, is seen in this particular photograph and as a friend of the family, it is believed he visited the home on several occasions. The hunt and luncheon with its distinguished guests caused such a stir that the Australian Town and Country Journal reported on it the following week:

Interior of
the stables
at Rouse Hill
House.

After a lifetime of hard work and having secured the financial and social future of his children, Richard Rouse passed away in 1852, aged 78, Elizabeth having died three years earlier. They are buried in a vault at St Peter's Church, Richmond. Subsequent generations continued to live in the home until the late 1990s. The property is now a museum, open to the public by guided tour. The wealth of historical and cultural knowledge and experience that Rouse Hill House and Farm contributes cannot be overestimated and whether a visitor is interested in its botanical merits, historical accuracy or an opportunity to imagine, it is definitely worth a visit.

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Learn and grow through *Performance*

The hard work of locals has unearth some of the region's best local talents.

By Diana Smith

It's that time, and the 2015 City of Orange Eisteddfod is gearing up to be one of its biggest on record. Participating has never been simpler with registration, programs and the syllabus now available online, but size is second to personal touch when ensuring that competitors can give their best performance and learn by watching others.

Historically, eisteddfods were large annual festivals held in Wales where poetry, music and drama competitions took place under colourful tents in large fields. Their origin can be traced back to the 1790s when citizens dressed in flowing costumes, performed flower dances and played fanfares

to (non-pagan) romantic stories. The first National Eisteddfod of Wales was held in 1861 in Aberdare, and it has since been held annually alternating between counties in the north and south, and occasionally in England due to popularity. Such is the popularity in some places like Llangollen that they hold their own International Musical Eisteddfod each year as well as a two other fringe festivals more for the locals.

In 1956, some Orange, NSW aldermen organized an eisteddfod but it was in 1980 (much later than in some other parts of NSW) that "The City Of Orange Eisteddfod Society" was formed, offering the three competitive



ORC musical director eisteddfod members and students on stage.

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sections that we have today. Many of the early founding members held board positions for many years (eg. Alison Dutton was president from 1987 – 2002) and stayed on the committee until their retirement years later. This year's dedicated president Helen Croke and her experienced committee also have their eyes set firmly on the task of making sure that August's eisteddfod is one of Orange's biggest and is technologically savvy.

By their nature of having students perform alongside peers, eisteddfods provide opportunities to learn new skills in competitive and non-competitive situations. This "doing our best" approach is also what is celebrated at the Schools Spectacular and it comes as no surprise that it is produced by The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education and Training.

At the core of every eisteddfod is a degree of excitement and nerves for the committee. They are the ones who for months before hand seek sponsors, process entries, liaise with instructors, write programs around school sport and exams, book the venues (up to two years in advance), send thank-you's, and interview and invite adjudicators.

Each society is unique in respect to managing the different disciplines. In Orange there is a general committee and three sub-committees, where each sub-committee manages a section of competition. "The job

of sequencing hundreds of events, providing costume change areas and student seating (so they can watch and learn) and managing the many little feet going up and down the steps," says past president and current vice-president Margaret Williams, "is a big one but we are very organised, and it's worth all the effort when you see them on the stage."

Sponsorship is crucial to the running of the event, too, by helping with advertising, printing and attractive prizes. Locally, sponsors are integral to the success of eisteddfods and in turn they provide a wonderful opportunity for anyone to support education by becoming sponsors.

There is a large amount of background work during the event and here's where volunteers are especially needed. Each year the Orange Eisteddfod hosts an afternoon tea encouraging volunteers to nominate when they are available. "The sub committees compile this information into rosters which are posted to the volunteers. As a thank you for their contribution, a free ticket is given to volunteers each time they work a session," explains Margaret. "It's a lot of fun, and you meet lots of lovely people."

"The role of the volunteers is very important to us for they are the first people that competitors see. They are the face of the Eisteddfod so it's important that they are welcoming, supportive and encouraging to help make everyone feel comfortable. This makes a huge difference. It's essential to us that the volunteers help as much as possible in this way."

During the Eisteddfod and around the clock members work tirelessly, but they can be reliably found in the Green Room or Office at the various venues. "We are there to give advice and to be encouraging and supportive to everyone – and congratulate them on their efforts," adds Margaret.

Due to seating and suitability, the committee has for the first time booked the Orange Regional Conservatorium for the majority of vocal and

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instrumental sections – full details are in the program. Musical director Donna Riles is encouraging of the association and says “We are very pleased to be able to provide this venue for the eisteddfod.”

Most of the competitors are from local and regional schools. “It is an advantage to country children to have so many local Eisteddfods in their area,” Margaret says. “They can access lots of opportunities to perform in regional areas without having to travel to the big cities because there are many successful eisteddfods in this region that offer a wide range of sections and disciplines.”

Eisteddfods and competition-based festival committees operate autonomously but they can draw on the assistance of the Association of Eisteddfod Societies of Australia (AESA) to seek advice to help them meet their legal and insurance obligations or bring about suitable changes without compromising its members or the interests of their community.

AESA’s main aim is, via competition, to improve the skills of the performers involved and for them to gain confidence, poise, commitment and self-esteem. So it is impressive that in 2015, with negative teen image messages saturating the media, that the aims of AESA are being met and that the popularity of Eisteddfods is on the rise.

Another role of the AESA is to provide a source of adjudicators. “It is very important that we have adjudicators who can judge a range of sections,” explains Margaret, “and who understand our policy of providing a positive experience for our competitors along with substantial helpful feedback.”

Sometimes one of our own is asked to fill this role. “One of Orange’s past students who has done well, Lloyd Edge, has come back to adjudicate for us,” Margaret says. “This has been wonderful as the children find him easy to relate to, and he is encouraging and offers his experience. This helps

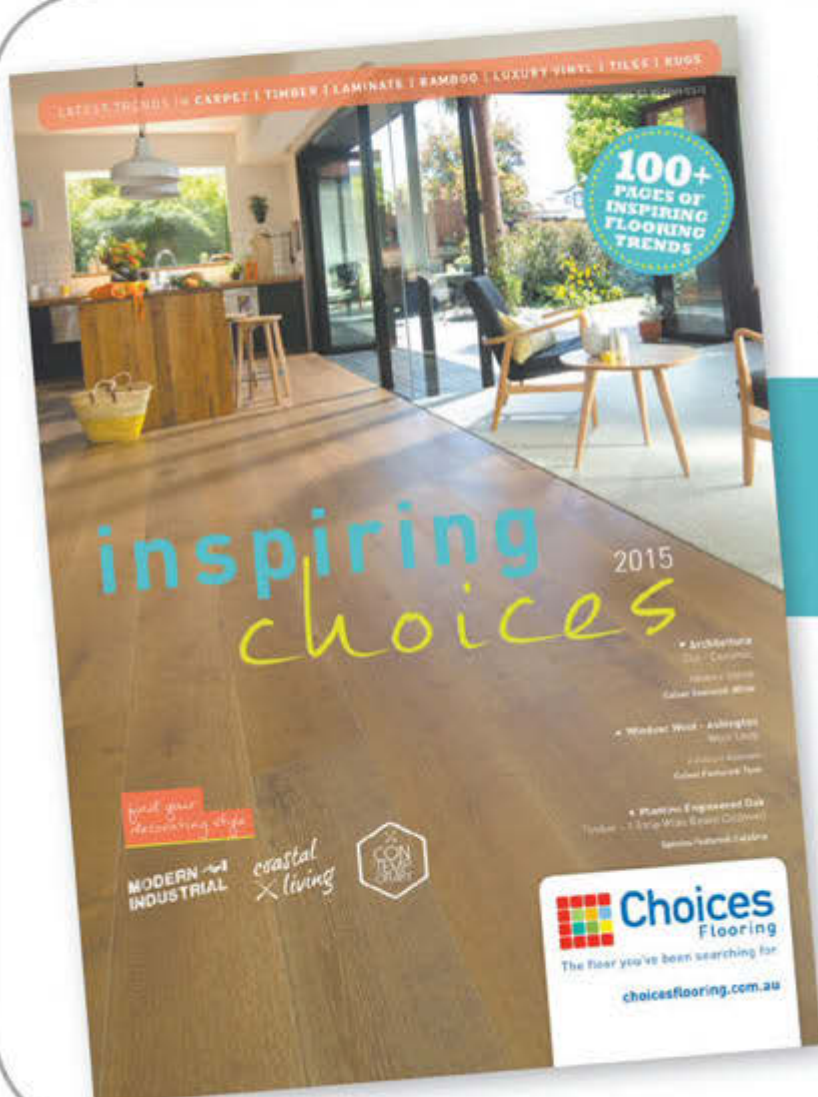
improve the competitor’s enjoyment and expressiveness.”

It is satisfying for the committee to be in a position to reward so many of the performers with prizes that go towards tuition and costs. “We run like any business and entry fees are not enough to cover prizes and scholarships,” explains Margaret. “In a nutshell, we need competitors, sponsors and volunteers to be viable, but the role of sponsorship is vital to us to make this as encouraging as possible.”

While ever the Eisteddfod institution remains supported by schools, parents, teachers and volunteers there will remain a rich culture in our society. No matter if our thing is hip-hop, opera, a special needs percussion section or strings, we all learn and grow through performance. Watching this happen can’t help but bring joy to the soul. ❖



Left to right: Some of the Orange Eisteddfod committee members - Kristene Smith, Margaret Williams, Sue Tallis, Helen Croke (President), Carol Smithers, Dianne Daniel (Treasurer), Michelle Marriott and Jenny Kain.



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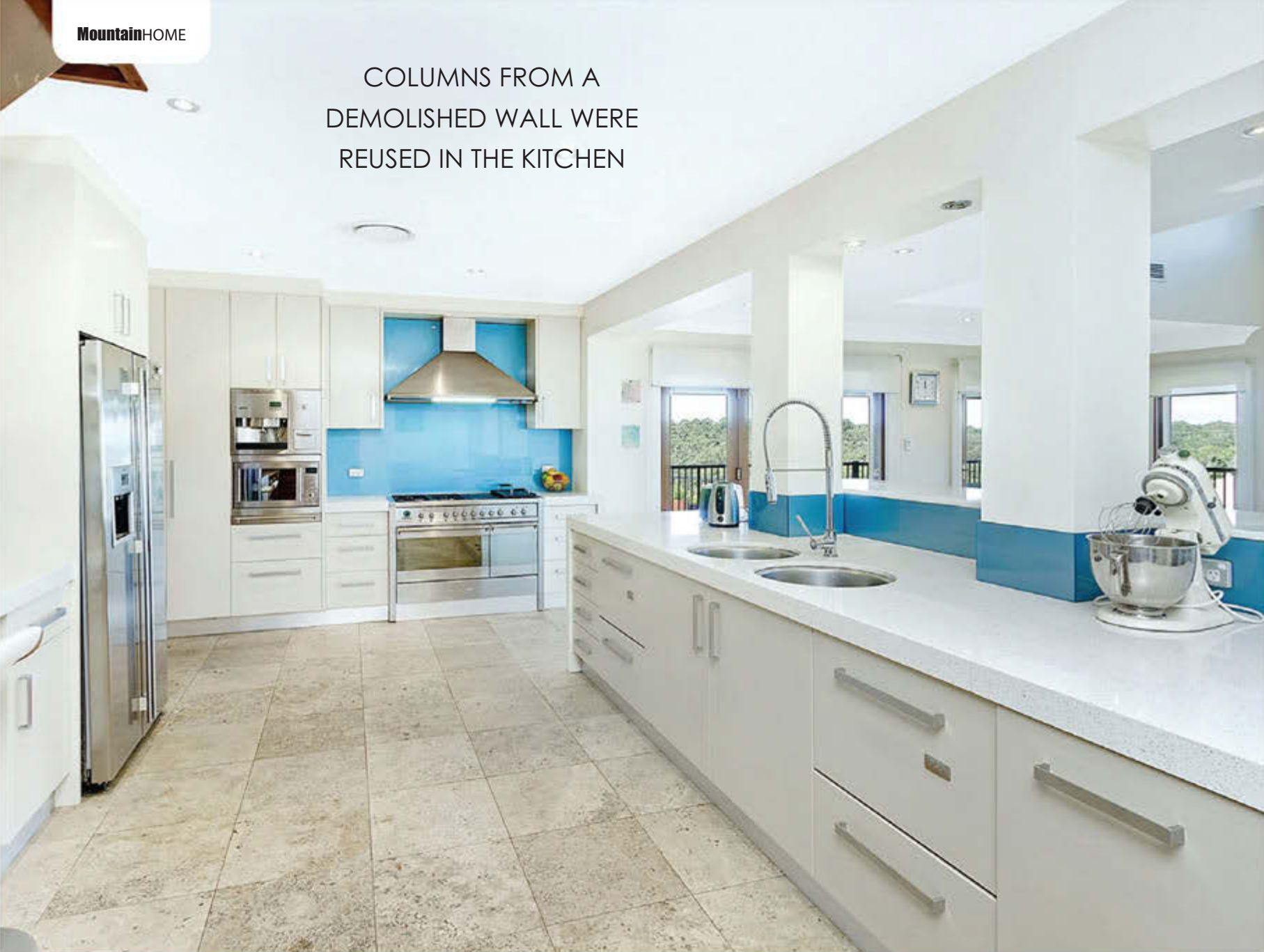
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With little knowledge of Australia, the couple, originally from NZ and Holland respectively, simply drew a wide arc of potential real estate around Sydney when they arrived. They stumbled on the Hawkesbury by chance.

"One of favourite things about the property is still the panoramic views across the valley and the way the light settles among the trees at various times of the day," explains Michael

"I know it sounds more than a little cliché but it feels like you are living in a National Geographic magazine at times when a flock of birds flies across the valley at sunset or sunrise."

Surprisingly, the original house structure was built some time in the mid 80's, as a 'reasonably conventional four bed brick home'.

But it began to evolve into something much more interesting when a seamless double height extension was added later on to provide a very large living area with a high vaulted ceiling. A second level was incorporated into the extension and is now used as a games room.

Unlike the old single storey house the higher extension provides expansive views of the bush and outdoor areas from the living room and kitchen.

Michael says he loves the way the lines begin to blur between the

indoors and outdoors. Nowhere is this more apparent than when the bi-fold doors open out onto the wet-edge pool with its extensive outdoor living area.

As the couple desired a very modern open plan feel, they built a new high-spec kitchen and also renovated a family bathroom and ensuite.

In order to renovate the kitchen they had to knock there way through a section of the original external wall to incorporate it into the living space. But this had the dramatic effect of capturing the breathtaking views and bringing them into the kitchen.

In a stroke of genius, Michael created a large central island from brick columns off the original exterior wall. The recycled bricks frame the views from the sink area while also acting as structural support for the floor above.

Michael says renovations to the bathroom and ensuite were carried out within the existing spaces although the layout was changed.

Another addition was a self-contained office that was built under the existing garage, allowing Michael to work from home..

The most important addition to the home has been the couple's three young boys, who could not be happier with the place they have to grown up in. Apart from obvious delights like a swimming pool, children's playground, games room and huge backyard, the peaceful lifestyle of the Hawkesbury is an ideal place for raising children.

Adds Carla, "it has been a wonderful family home to us since our three young boys have been born. The property is very private with the house





hidden from the street.”

From the street front the house is very modest in size but opens out dramatically as you enter the living space with a completely different aspect from the other side.

As for the garden, Carla says the grounds are reasonably low maintenance.

“Some of the gardens we put in ourselves and ensured we only put in natives and hardy species that require virtually no watering.”

A couple of hours a week is required to do the mowing and a bit of hedging.

“I guess you can make as much work for yourself as you want on acreage but having a young family and other things to keep me occupied I try to find a balance that works for me.”

She admits there are areas of garden she would like to improve in the future, but enjoys picking one or two projects a year to get stuck into.

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The couple's own chapter starts 16 years ago, although the property dates back over a century.

"Initially we travelled up to the house on a Friday afternoon after work and spent the weekends working on the house to fill gaps between the old weather boards and repaint it from one end to the other," says Lisa.

"We were constantly at the hardware store. The whole family and friends got on board and helped us."

She reveals it took ten years to get all the hard work completed.

It's believed the original house was built as a simple miner's cottage and had just two or three rooms.

"We think it probably consisted of the main bedroom. The other bedroom probably was a sitting room and the now lounge room was probably the kitchen area."

It's thought the humble homestead was given the name Penrose and was the first home to be built in the street.



It wasn't until the 1980's that major additions were added, followed by the addition of a conservatory and built-in side verandah areas when the current owners moved in.

But it has maintained its historic feel and there's even a cute little window into the 3rd bedroom that was originally the external wall. While everyone finds something different to love about the house, Lisa says she has always been smitten with the pressed metal ceiling panels.

"I fell in love with the house the moment I walked into the hallway and looked up and saw the pressed metal ceilings!

"That was all I needed to make the decision. I often lay in bed and look

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at the patterns of the metal and you notice that they must have used scraps or had run out of one design as a small section has been lined with a different design. It makes me think about the original owners."

In the first few years of their ownership, there were many jobs vying for attention and the garden was a big one.

The couple feared they would lose some fabulous specimen plants if they didn't give the garden some prompt TLC and unearthed an old rose bush and fuchsia shrub and nurtured the glorious maple in the front corner of the property.

There was also a stunning crab-apple which must be close to the age

of the house and flowers every year on Mark's Birthday that was brought back to full health.

In addition to saving many older plants, the couple have carefully planted all Lisa's favourite plants including a dogwood, magnolia, many camellias, azaleas, lilacs, daphnes and bulbs that appear every spring and lots of great smelling roses.

With the garden looking so good, they added a conservatory to the back of the house with a view of the garden and a study. Then they updated the bathroom, adding a clawfoot bath and moved onto an open plan kitchen with a recycled kauri pine benchtop and a much desired





THE KIDS TOO HAVE STRONG ATTACHMENTS TO PARTS OF THE HOUSE.

Shaw's butler's sink to give it the feel of a country kitchen.

One of Mark's favourite additions are the lead lights in the bedroom which were bought from a recycled building supplier.

"The morning sun streams in here through the branches of the pine tree just outside the window. It's a lovely view to wake up to."

The kids too have strong attachments to parts of the house. There's a quirky two sided fireplace, which is still intact in their daughter's bedroom. She apparently loves the fact she has an old fireplace in her bedroom. Their son is fascinated by his window, which is thought to be the original main window to the front of the house.

Many of the windows in the house have a story to tell and there's a pair of huge Argentinian windows found in a recycled building supply place in Sydney were salvaged thanks to many hours of labour from Mark's mum. There are other lovely family touches too, including leadlight front door panels that a friend made as a wedding gift, and a mirror over the mantelpiece that was brought while travelling home from Lisa's sister's wedding.

Then there's a whole other story of the furniture collected over many years, including an old table from a holiday in Milton bought on a whim, which couldn't fit in the car.

The couple had to drive back down again the next weekend to pick it up! Other treasures include an antique farmhouse dresser bought for Lisa as a birthday gift when the couple first moved in, a French linen cupboard given to us as a wedding gift by Mark's parents and lots of handmade quilts made by Lisa.

You may think the couple may have renovated many times before but the two both teachers, are admittedly amateurs.

As an Art teacher, Lisa had always had plenty of ideas about how her house should look, a hobby fuelled by looking at house magazines, social

media sites and trips to Leura homeware stores.

She likes experimenting with colour, and Mark says his wife once brought 15 test pots of paint 'for one bedroom wall alone.'

"She settled on a Wedgewood Grey that was mixed from an American colour formula she researched on line and had to convince a paint shop to mix it for her."

Mark is the patient, careful painter who follows through with the "attention to detail" and hard manual labour in the garden.

"He actually cringes when I start a sentence with "I was just thinking" knowing it will mean a new idea to navigate," Lisa jokes.

The couple recently started thinking about adding a second storey, to Mark's dismay!

"While I'd love to have dormer windows, we have decided that it could destroy the charm of the cottage and make it something that it's not," he says

"When you own an old home you feel a certain responsibility to keep it true to its roots and you almost feel like you are a custodian.

"The only thing I'd like to do to make it perfect is add some nice sandstone stepping stones or pathways through the garden."

Lisa disagrees and thinks the house is finally finished.

"Old neighbours across the road gave us a framed drawing of the house from the 1970s when we moved in. In this drawing none of the added features are there, so you can really see how small a house it once was. This sits on the hall in pride of place."

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Deliciously Ella

By Ella Woodward

From sumptuous desserts, to food on the go, delicious dips, raw treats and rainbow bowls of awesome veggies, Ella's philosophy is all about embracing the natural foods that your body loves and creating fresh, simple dishes which are easy to make and taste amazing. Featuring more than 100 new sugar-free, gluten-free and dairy-free recipes to excite your taste buds, this collection will inspire you to eat for better health, glowing skin and boundless energy.

A reformed sugar monster herself, Ella knows just how daunting the idea of changing your diet can be. Her must-read blog, Deliciously Ella, which gets two million visitors a month from all over the world, was inspired by her own health adventure and everything she has learned by healing herself simply through diet.

More than anything, Ella wants to show that this way of eating is absolutely not about deprivation and starvation, but instead is about embracing a positive, healthy way of life.

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Banana Ice Cream

One-ingredient banana ice cream is the most magical recipe I've ever created. Honestly, the first time I made it I was dancing around my kitchen, literally, singing with happiness because this really does taste identical to ice cream. In fact, it may even be more delicious as it has a smoother, creamier texture. I know it's hard to believe that frozen bananas can make ice cream without even having to use an ice-cream maker, but trust me on this one – you'll love it! I love making the classic version, but you can spice it up too and add frozen berries to make a berry flavour, or dates and almond butter to make a caramel version.

Serves 4

For the classic version

8 very ripe large bananas (1.3kg)

For the berry version

½ mug frozen blueberries or mixed frozen berries (100g)

For the caramel version

12 Medjool dates, pitted

5 tablespoons almond butter

Peel the bananas, then chop them into thin slices.

Place the slices in a bowl in the freezer for at least 6 hours.

Once you're ready to make your ice cream, remove the banana slices from the freezer and allow them to warm up for 5 minutes or so.

Place the slices in a food processor and blend for a minute or two, until the mix is totally smooth and delicious. At this point, add the frozen berries or dates and almond butter if you're using them and blend.

Top tip

Let your bananas go really over-ripe before you freeze them – it'll make the ice cream much smoother. This is a great way to use up old bananas too as they can stay frozen for weeks, so they'll be waiting for you when the ice cream cravings strike!

Recipe extracted from Deliciously Ella by Ella Woodward.

Baked Apples with Coconut Cream

These baked apples were the last recipe that I did for this book, but they might well be my favourite. Baking the apples with cinnamon, raisins, coconut sugar and pecans means the apple flesh really absorbs all the incredible flavours from each ingredient, so every bite is bursting with flavour. The apples become so soft and tender too when baked, so they really melt in your mouth. The whole thing is then topped with a drizzle of coconut cream, which adds even more flavour and a lovely smooth texture.

Serves 4

For the apples

4 red apples (I use Braeburn apples)
 $\frac{2}{3}$ mug raisins (125g)
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 2 handfuls of pecans (50g)
 5 tablespoons coconut palm sugar

For the coconut cream

Preheat the oven to 200°C (fan 180°C).

For the coconut cream

100g coconut cream
 3 tablespoons date or maple syrup
 2 tablespoons coconut palm sugar
 2 tablespoons almond butter

Use an apple corer to take the core out of the apples so that there is a hole from top to bottom.

Mix the raisins, cinnamon, pecans and coconut sugar together.

Place the apples on a baking tray and stuff the core with the raisin mix, then sprinkle all of the leftover mix around the apples.

Drizzle 6 tablespoons water over the leftovers around the apples.

Place the apples in the oven and allow them to bake for 30 minutes, until they're totally soft.

Put each apple in a bowl to serve with a scoop of the raisin mix from the tray, and then pour the coconut cream over everything.

For the coconut cream

Just before the apples finish cooking, make the coconut cream.

Put the coconut cream in a blender with 10 tablespoons boiling water and all the other ingredients and blend until smooth.

Top tip

If you don't have an apple corer, then cut around the core with a knife and scoop out the core with a spoon.

Recipe extracted from Deliciously Ella by Ella Woodward.

Classic Carrot Cake with Caramel Frosting

This double-layered carrot cake with a creamy caramel-like icing is pretty special. One of the really nice things about it is that the sponge is very light so you feel incredibly energised after enjoying it, which I love – although it does mean that you'll be tempted to eat four or five slices in a row!

Makes 1 cake (12 slices)

For the cake

2 mugs brown rice or buckwheat flour (400g)

1 mug ground almonds (120g)

2 tablespoons chia seeds

⅓ mug raisins (65g)

2 slices of pineapple (225g)

1 mug almond milk (300ml)

½ mug maple syrup (150ml)

3 carrots (250g)

coconut oil, for greasing

For the frosting

3 large bananas, peeled (350g)

10 Medjool dates, pitted

2 tablespoons almond butter

1 tablespoon coconut oil

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

For the cake

Preheat the oven to 180°C (fan 160°C).

Pour the brown rice/buckwheat flour into a mixing bowl with the ground almonds, chia seeds and raisins.

Place the pineapple, almond milk and maple syrup into a blender and blend until smooth. Once it's totally smooth, pour the mix into the mixing bowl with the dry ingredients.

Next, peel and grate the carrots using the fine side of a box grater. Stir the carrot into the mixing bowl and ensure that it's all thoroughly mixed so that it forms a smooth batter.

Grease two x 24cm cake tins with coconut oil and evenly pour the mixture into both.

Bake for about 30 minutes, until the tops turn a golden brown.

Once the cakes are cooked, remove them from the oven and leave them to cool for about 10 minutes on a cooling rack (this is really important as the cake finishes setting at this point).

For the frosting

As the cake cools, make the icing. Place everything into a blender with 4 tablespoons water and blend until a smooth, creamy mix forms.

Once the cakes have cooled, divide the icing between the two cakes and then ice the tops.

Recipe extracted from Deliciously Ella by Ella Woodward.



Olive and Feta Herb Muffins

Makes 10

4 free-range organic eggs

½ tsp Seaweed Salt

1¼ cups Einkorn Flour or regular whole wheat flour

150g feta cheese, crumbled

¾ - 1 cup black olives, chopped

Herbs of your choice (rosemary, chives, dill, thyme, coriander, parsley)

½ tsp baking soda

½ cup filtered water

3 Tbsp butter

1. Preheat the oven to 180C. Line a muffin tray with muffin paper trays.
2. Add all ingredients to a large bowl and mix together until combined.
3. Spoon the mixture into the muffin paper trays evenly and bake in the oven for 20-30 minutes or until golden.
4. Remove from the oven and allow to cool until desired.
5. Serve warm and enjoy!



Sweet Spicy Salty Simple Salad

Four cups of fresh rocket, chopped

2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar

1Tbsp Olive oil

Juice of one lime

Half of a large avocado mashed
alfalfa sprouts or broccoli sprouts
(any kind of mild sprouts)

A sprinkle of Seaweed Salt

1 tsp. cinnamon

½ tsp. cardamom

½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
or cayenne pepper

¼ cup of shredded coconut

1. Place all the ingredients into a large salad bowl and toss well.
2. Then you can top with any optional sweet toppings that take your fancy.

Bacon and Eggs

2-3 x free range eggs

1 cup of kale, chopped

1/2 cup rocket

1 tsp ground turmeric

Freshly cracked pepper

2 tbsp Coconut Oil

2 tbsp sauerkraut

Pinch of Seaweed Salt

2 rashers of bacon that is cured with salt only. (This is quite hard to find. You need a trustworthy butcher and for them to show you the ingredients that they use to cure their bacon. It should be salt and water only!)

1. Boil up some water in a pot or pan on the stove, add a dash of apple cider vinegar.
2. Crack your eggs into the water when on a high simmer and take out when they are your desired firmness.
3. Whilst they are cooking, heat up a pan of coconut oil and add your bacon.
4. While your eggs and bacon are cooking, lay down a bed of rocket.
5. Once the bacon and eggs are cooked, lay them on some paper towel to drain then add them to your plate, followed by the sauerkraut or Changing Habits Probiotics sprinkled over the top.
6. Finally, while the pan is still hot where your bacon was, add the kale to fry up, and toss the turmeric, seaweed salt and pepper through the kale.
7. Once the kale is soft or even crispy, place on the plate.
8. Finally, sprinkle dulse and pour the Changing Habits Inca Inchi Oil over the meal and enjoy.



Creamy Thyme and Broccoli Soup

2 Large broccoli heads

Garlic to taste

4 sprigs of thyme (use the leaves only)

1 Litre homemade bone broth such as chicken

4-6 cups of spinach leaves

Seaweed Salt to taste

Optional Add Ins: Spring onions, other green vegetables, cauliflower, chickpeas, chilli, ginger, coconut cream or milk.

1. Chop the broccoli into florets and place into a large saucepan.
2. Cover the broccoli in bone broth and cook on a medium simmer for 15 minutes.
3. Add the garlic (and any other optional ingredients) to the saucepan and continue to cook until very soft.
4. Remove from the heat and either use a hand blender or add the mixture along with the spinach to a blender and process until very smooth and creamy. If you like your soup a little thinner, add more bone broth, filtered water or coconut cream/ milk until desired.
5. Pour into bowls and sprinkle seaweed salt and dulse over the top. Enjoy!

BATHURST *Party*

The announcement of the Heritage Medal winner marks a fitting tribute to Bathurst 200.

This year, the region celebrates 200 years since Bathurst was proclaimed a town by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1815. This significant milestone provides locals with an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of our community as it has grown, been challenged and changed over time.

One of Australia's oldest inland settlements, Bathurst is a gateway to former gold rush towns that features colonial buildings and grand old homes built for wealthy graziers.

As the original site of government settlement, Bathurst's historical buildings are rich in history and character. Chifley Home, now a museum and education centre, was once the residence of Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley and his wife, Elizabeth.

The local council has also revealed that Heritage conservation consultant and immediate past Chair of the ACT Heritage Council Duncan Marshall has been announced as the inaugural winner of the Bathurst Macquarie Heritage Medal at a dinner in Bathurst this evening.

Four nominees from three states were nominated for the inaugural national \$25,000 award.

Mayor of Bathurst Cr Gary Rush said Council created the award to recognise the protection, enhancement and promotion of Australia's heritage and help raise awareness about the immense value of celebrating and acknowledging the people, places and events that have shaped us today.

Local businesses and the community have been strong supporters of the celebrations in Bathurst. These include:

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Perfect Team

Since making the decision to take up a GJ Gardner franchise at the end of 2014 Luke and Kate Faraway have been working frantically to establish their innovative showroom and design studio in George Street Bathurst.

Following the official opening on the 30th April 2015 Kate and Luke have been extremely happy with the strong demand for GJ Gardner Homes with the many visitors to their showroom and design studio.

Luke believes: "One of the major advantages we've found coming from a small building company doing a few homes a year is that GJ Gardner's fully integrated computerised systems saves our clients and our team time"

"Our clients can come in choose a house plan, look at samples of the inclusions, make their choice of colour schemes with the help of our in-house interior designer all in a matter of hours if they so desire – and know how much it is going to cost.

Luke is a licenced builder and brings to their GJ Gardner Homes business broad construction knowledge and years of experience coordinating trades and dealing with practical challenges as a result of his previous roles as foreman on numerous project sites.

Kate has a family background in the building and real estate industries and has Certificates in Interior Design and Accounting.

Kate and Luke are looking forward to helping people in the Bathurst region who want to build a new home.

They will be holding information nights and other related events that will help prospective clients make the right choices when choosing a home to meet their family lifestyle.

Watch their face-book page GJ Gardner Homes Bathurst for these upcoming events or phone Luke & Katie on 132 789 or 0408 697 179. Call in and have a chat at 1/76 George Street, Bathurst.





All Saints' Year 9 student
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Madeleine Sinderberry

Junior Showjumping

Showjumping is a relatively new equestrian sport with an interesting history.

Until the Enclosure Acts which came into force in England in the 18th century, there had been little need for horses to routinely jump fences. With this new Act of Parliament and the fencing of fields, those wishing to pursue their sport of fox and hounds now needed horses that were capable of jumping obstacles.

Today, Showjumping is enormously popular with young riders from across NSW and Bathurst's All Saints' College has a thriving equestrian programme. The College each year hosts a spectacular Show Jumping Day in May and the 2015 event was held on Sunday 10.

President of the All Saints' College Equestrian Group, Ian Redpath commented: "Cold and blustery conditions welcomed the riders and spectators to the All Saints' College Showjumping Day 2015. The unfavourable conditions did not deter the 63 young riders who travelled from across the Central West to compete for their schools at this annual event."

Ian continued "Close to 300 individual jump rounds were ridden on the day and all of the riders are to be commended for the spirit in which they rode despite the trying conditions. The red vests of the All Saints' Equestrian livery certainly featured prominently during the laps of honour."

Head of All Saints' College, Dr Peter Miller commented "the College is very proud of its equestrian programme. The popularity of equestrian pursuits at All Saints' continues to grow rapidly and the programme is now recognised across the state as one of the finest for young people. All Saints' College is proud to be able to offer first class equestrian facilities to day students, boarders and their horses." ❖

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TALK of the TOWN

Orange has always been a great place to live or visit and now many outside the region are starting to say the same thing.



What is it about Orange that has everyone talking? Orange emerged as the number one place to live in a recent national survey of regional cities (RP DATA for Aussie Home Loans).

Great health and education services, excellent shopping and marvellous community facilities helped us top the list (three golf courses!).

And the scenery – breathtaking across all four seasons.

It seems the Orange region has been a well-kept secret for a few years but now the word is out.

TV Chef Lyndey Milan hosted two episodes of her Award winning cooking show, Taste of Australia here and says: “Orange in winter can certainly be chilly however it was well worth a visit in the middle of winter for the sublime produce, outstanding cool climate wines and vibrant community it has to offer.”

Destination NSW recommends a visit during one of our fabulous festivals for outstanding wine, dining, fresh local produce and our amazing apples.

Meanwhile James Halliday, one of Australia’s leading wine writers, has awarded 5 Stars to nine Orange wineries.

Orange, known as Australia’s Colour City is just 3-4 drive hours from Sydney and within easy reach of the Blue Mountains. When you visit the Orange Region you will discover a welcoming city, rich in history with a flourishing cultural scene. Take a walk around the historic town centre, the wide streets and stunning architecture – particularly impressive examples of the Victorian, Edwardian and Federation periods.

The surrounding hillsides produce some of the best fruit, wine and food in Australia. Taste the best of the season at a farm gate or cellar door.

Enjoy a locally flavoured menu at a café or restaurant.

The towns and villages too have a lot to offer. Shopping, dining or relaxing – there are plenty of options available and it’s a great excuse to take a drive through the landscape.

And make sure you take time to meet a local – the winemakers, chefs, artists and characters that give the Orange region its unique charm.

For more information about visiting the Orange region contact the Orange Visitor Information Centre on 1800 069 466.

This region of Country NSW has a stack of things to do, exciting events, fantastic restaurants and popular tours and all you need to do is get there! So let’s look at some of the region’s local icons and businesses:

Angullong

Angullong Vineyard is one of the most awarded winemakers in Orange. With a range of traditional and alternative varieties, this cool climate winegrower has repeatedly won acclaim for their wines.

The attention to detail and consistent superior quality is built on Angullong’s strong pastoral heritage. The Crossing family purchased the property in 1950, farming sheep and cattle and in 1998 planted 250 hectares of vines.

The high elevation of the Orange region allows for long cool ripening of the grapes that instils lovely natural acidity which in turn supports the elegant fruit flavours.

The vineyard is situated on the fertile southern lower slopes of Orange at the foothills of the ancient volcano, Mount Canobolas. The Angullong cellar door is located in the small village of Millthorpe, in the beautiful bluestone stables on the corner of Park and Victoria streets.

During winter, the cellar doors open fire welcomes many guests to taste the entire range of wines, including the award winning Shiraz, Pinot Grigio, Savagnin, Tempranillo and Sauvignon Blanc.

Two new releases from Angullong include the 2013 Angullong ‘Fossil Hill’ Sangiovese and 2013 Angullong ‘Fossil Hill’ Barbera. The 2013 season was regarded as one of the best in Orange with good soil moisture and warm dry weather leading up to vintage it ensured that the grapes could be left on the vine to ripen fully.

The Angullong Cellar Door is open Friday through to Monday from 11am to 5pm. Further information on Angullong Wines and the vineyard are available at www.angullong.com.au.

Philip Shaw

Philip Shaw has been producing elegant, cold climate wines with distinct varietal character from his Koomooloo Vineyard since 1989 – As a pioneer of the Orange wine region he was attracted to the gently undulating

slopes of Mount Canobolas and the near perfect soil conditions. Philip Shaw has been voted international wine maker of the year twice at the prestigious London International wine awards - a testament to his dedication and pursuit of fine wine. The Philip Shaw cellar door is located at the Shaw's winery site in a late 1800 Bluestone Barn. The site has recently undergone a stunning transformation and is a must see for visitors to the Orange region as an extensively landscaped garden and terraced lawns are nearing completion. Play a game of Boule while enjoying some of the Shaw's multi award winning wine. Enjoy music and lunches on Sundays. Tastings are 7 days from 11am – 5pm. Philip Shaw Wines are at 100 Shiralee Rd, Orange. Ph: 02 63620710. www.philipshaw.com.au

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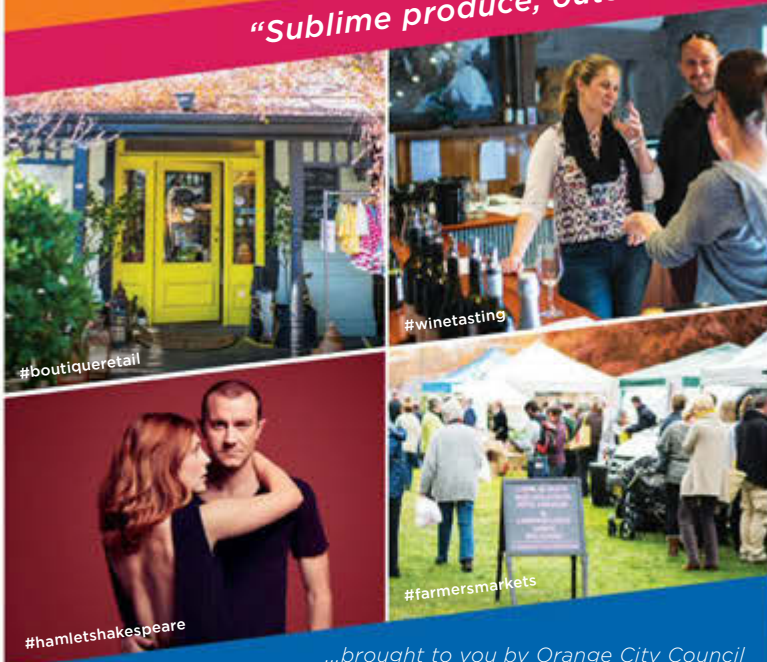
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Juliet Horsley Home

Juliet Horsley Home first opened its doors on December 9th 2014. After much searching, the right space presented itself in the historic Union Bank Building, built in 1867 and one of Orange's landmarks. Juliet Horsley Home encompasses a beautiful selection of artwork, homewares and designer pieces. Original reclaimed timber tables and mirrors, Uashmama bags from Italy, woven baskets from Africa are just part of a much wider range.

Juliet also has a store in Mudgee which she opened in September 2009 after moving there from Melbourne.

"I grew up in country NSW and decided after many years of city living it was time to move back to the country. Mudgee ticked a lot of boxes and proved to be a wonderful move"

A few years later Juliet moved to Orange for love and after a time of commuting back to Mudgee decided it was time to open another store closer to home.

"Orange has so much to offer and has proved to be yet another wonderful move."



Rachael Gavel (Showroom Manager), Holly Fitzsimon (Decorator), Maryann Young (owner) and Kylie Cummins (Decorator)

The Evolution of Material World

An iconic Orange business has been sold after 25 years, signalling new directions in the local fabric and interiors industry.

When Kay Norton-Knight started selling fabric out of the back of a truck in Mudgee in the early 1980s, she didn't imagine it would be the start of a 30-year retail success story which at one point included 15 stores across NSW.

Last month, Kay and Gerald Norton-Knight sold their Mudgee and Orange stores to long-time employee and General Manager, Maryann Young.

"We are absolutely thrilled that Maryann has taken over these busy stores, as she has a huge amount of knowledge, experience and energy, and is in a great position to move the business forward," the Norton-Knights said.

"We wish her the very best and look forward to seeing Material World grow into a new era under her watch."

At the beautiful new decorating showroom on the corner of Byng Street & Sale Street you will find experienced and knowledgeable decorators there to help clients create a beautiful and comfortable home

Material World have a wide selection of drapery and upholstery fabrics, together with blinds and shutters to suit any interior and provide clients with advice on all things windows, colours and decorating. For the Orange winter, effective window treatments can greatly help with retaining warmth in the house. Take a look at Material World's new decorating showroom and organise an in home free measure and quote. Material World can get your home looking lovely and feeling warm for winter.



Left-right: Garden designer Sue McClymont. Owner Ann Fuller. Garden designer Fiona Cooper.

The Complete Garden

For truly inspiring homeware and elegant outdoor living, then visit The Complete Garden Orange where you'll be amazed at the wonderful range of products to complete your lifestyle. Whether you're looking for comfy stylish outdoor furniture for your dining room garden or patio, a Tuscan inspired water fountain classical urn or romantic lamp, The Complete Garden Orange is sure to have the perfect item. Pop in and browse their range of beautiful cast iron birds, urns, pots and planters. The Complete Garden Orange prides itself on providing a unique retail experience with quality products to enhance your living space. Each piece is chosen to inspire home owners when creating their own sanctuary amidst the fast pace of today's world. The Complete Garden attributes its huge success to making sure they stock a wide range of products with the highest quality at the most competitive prices. Their emphasis is on sourcing new products, both domestically and internationally. The Orange store has access to products that are unique to the market place. Owner Ann Fuller goes to great lengths to source special items at the request of her customers. She listens to their needs and can source almost any item they need. Ann is also joined by garden designers Fiona Cooper and Sue McClymont, who are on hand to help customers through the design process. Also Cathryn Kirkness, who specialises in floral and décor arrangements, can take the guess work out of what items go with you garden design. The Complete Garden is at 173 Lords Place, Orange and is open 7 days a week. Phone: (02) 6360 0655.

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There's a huge choice of tiles (2,000 plus styles) for all budgets and building projects including the latest shapes and hexagonals, large format tiles and on trend digitally printed and wood look alikes for a touch of luxe.

Beaumonts is backed with expert DIY advice and products but also knows that making a tile choice is not always easy when there's so many style, shapes and textures.

Step into Beaumonts gorgeous 400sqm Orange space – the biggest west of the Blue Mountains – and renovators will discover some nifty tools to help create their dream space.

Firstly customers can check out Beaumonts What Style Am I quiz (also at tile.com.au) to discover their own interior style preference. At the Scan & Play kiosks, they can then mix and match tiles to instantly visualise

bathrooms, kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms and laundries.

According to customer specialist, Nicole Rigby, trending now at Beaumonts Orange is concrete look tiles in popular grey, taupes and neutral tones.

"The Belga, Axis and Arkitek ranges make a perfect backdrop to 'icing' a room in colours and furnishings of choice," she said.

"Match back decorative tiles to really lift up the design or go for patterned hexagonals, like the latest Esagano range, for an urban country aesthetic.

"For people loving renovation shows like The Block, House Rules and Reno Rumble, Beaumonts is definitely worth a look. We're the preferred tile supplier to these shows, and as our showroom features all the tiles chosen by contestants, our customers can easily recreate the stunning spaces."

Creating a home that changes with the weather is a cost-effective option, particularly in regions where cold snaps are common. Beaumonts also has undertile heating systems which can be used in any room (they're kid friendly too).

Beaumont Tiles Orange is located at 268-274 Peisley Street, Orange. For more information please visit www.tile.com.au.

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There's nothing quite like the feeling of stepping into a brand new bathroom. Today's bathrooms are becoming a place to relax, recharge and find a real sense of calm. In a movement to create a luxury retreat at home, rain showers, free standing baths and sleek chrome tapware have become a standard in modern bathroom design. Timber wall hung vanities and back-lit mirrors are not only found in luxury resorts but are also now beautifully placed in contemporary Australian bathrooms. Here are some of Beaumont Tiles' hottest bathroomware products for 2015.

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You will also find hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, jewellery, giftware plus so much more and they now stock a wide range of children's products too. So whatever your taste from cool blue, hot pink, or gorgeous green to something more neutral you are sure to find it at 2 Fat Ladies. And while you are there why not book in to one of the fun workshops run most weekends, learn the many ways to tie a scarf at the scarf and scone workshop or enjoy one of the travel packing, styling or makeup workshops.

With fabulous service and friendly smiles, staff are always on hand to assist you and when you have finished you can relax at 2 Fat Ladies Café and or treat yourself at Molly's Lollies next door.

Find 2 Fat Ladies on Facebook for the latest updates and great reviews.

Lucknow Skin Shop

Our iconic cowhides still hang outside the store and as you step inside you will see the choices in store are wider than ever before. After a full store renovation last year we now welcome people into a new shopping experience.

We have men's women's and children's Thomas Cook, Wrangler and Ariat clothing, beautiful knitwear by Moda Immagine as well as gorgeous possum and merino knitwear for men and women. We also stock a huge range of work, western, riding and dress boots and all manner of sheepskin products. Our range of accessories includes hats, gloves, wallets, scarves, belts and handbags to name just a few.

There are some beautiful soft furnishings in store. We have sheepskin and cowhide floor rugs, cowhide ottomans and beautiful alpaca and woollen blankets by St. Albans. If you have travel on the mind we have a

great range of cowhide luggage bags and some great gear bags by Ariat or Thomas Cook for an active weekend away.

Lucknow Skin Shop and Boot barn is a family run business in Central West, NSW. Our history in sheepskin spans three generations with the fourth generation up and coming. Prior to being in retail for close to 20 years, we have a history of manufacturing sheepskin boots over 45 years long, with 2 generations of wool classers also. So we are not just your average retailer.

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Orange Furniture One

Orange Furniture One is a family run business which had its beginnings in 1966, when Johannes and Hendrika Bobeldyk opened Bobeldyk's Bargain Centre. The original business concentrated on second hand furniture, and gradually moved to include new furniture as well. This makes us the longest established furniture business in Orange.

October 2000 saw the relocation of the new furniture to Endsleigh Avenue, and the subsequent sale of the second hand business.

The business is now being run by two of their children, Arthur and Hennie, along with their respective spouses, Lynda and Graham.

We became members of the Furniture One buying group in 2001. This move strengthened our business by giving us greater access to suppliers, which resulted in a larger range of products that we could offer to our customers.

In 2005 we became the first store in New South Wales to incorporate a La-Z-Boy in store Gallery, which showcases a large selection of the La-Z-Boy range.

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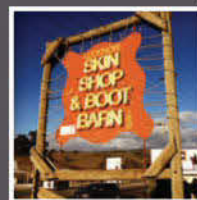


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Above: Bardooabah. Left: Garlic from thegarlicsmith

thegarlicsmith

thegarlicsmith is a relatively new company for Jeremy (Jez) and Bernadina (Bee) Smith, with their farm "Bardooabah", 17kms west of Orange, boasting an impressive crop of Turban and Creole varieties of garlic.

Jez and Bee did their research when looking for a crop to farm on their 67-acres. Aware that garlic grows best in cooler temperatures, and tired of buying inferior imported garlic (which is bleached and fumigated with methyl bromide by AQIS) they decided garlic was the crop of choice.

Since friends and family have heard about their farming enterprise, the support has grown as they've found like-minded people who are also tired of the tasteless imported garlic. With their input, Jez and Bee hope the market is flooded with Australian garlic considering the myriad varieties and cultivars available to the consumer.

thegarlicsmith sow from disease-free Australian garlic organically grown in the rich, fertile, volcanic soils on the foothills of Mount Canobolas at a height of 890 metres, where it develops rich flavour and strong aromas. Their garlic is available to purchase seasonally both online and at Sydney markets. They can be contacted via the Australian Garlic Industry Association or via their website at www.thegarlicsmith.com.

Sugden Homes

Sugden Homes is a well respected family building company in Orange NSW owned and operated by Tim and Janine Sugden. Both have lived in

Orange most of their lives and have been in the home building industry for over thirty years.

Sugden Homes specialise in building homes and villa units in the local Orange area. They build any size home from a small first home to a mansion for the largest of families. Tim works on site supervising every aspect of the home building while Janine runs the office and helps clients with selections. They will take care of all aspects of the build from design through to handing over the keys to your sparkling new home ready to walk in and start enjoying.

Tim and Janine are proud to offer a personalised building experience for their clients. They encourage client input and questions throughout the building process and work closely with each client to fulfil the individual requirements of each project. Tim and Janine offer advice on the best design to suit the site, budget, style and environmental principles that will deliver the best result for each client's new home.

Sugden Homes has accrued an admirable list of successful projects and many long standing relationships with repeat clients. Tim and Janine are proud of their reputation for delivering high quality homes on time, on budget and exceeding their client's expectations.

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Best of Both Worlds

Travelling in winter to the Blue Mountains and Lithgow region during Yulefest is the perfect getaway for a couple or family.

Want to get away from the hustle and bustle of Sydney, then take a trip to the mountains this winter and celebrate Yulefest.

Yulefest in the Mountains is a special time to celebrate winter in a 'Northern Hemisphere' style with a wide array of traditional dinners and luncheons.

Live entertainment, carols and decorations all add to the atmosphere. Enjoy the crisp mountain air by day and the glow of a cosy fire at night.

Yet the history of Yulefest is an interesting one. According to locals, a small group had come to The Blue Mountains in their search for the crisp, clear winter climate that they were accustomed to back in Ireland. The year was 1980.

As they relaxed, warming in front of the roaring log fires, they glanced out through the frosted window panes and saw snowflakes dancing in the wind.

It wasn't long before Christmas in July was born.

Today the tradition has become known as "Yulefest" and lives on throughout the Blue Mountains in the winter months of June, July and August. Although many other regions have tried to imitate none have succeeded like the Blue Mountains, the only region that can truly offer the opportunity for everyone to experience.

Some of the place to stay and visit include:

Lithgow

Look a little bit closer. Lithgow is set to surprise you.

On the western fringe of the Blue Mountains, just two hours from Sydney and at the gateway to the Central West, the Lithgow area is the perfect getaway.

Within minutes of the city itself, you can be walking through historic villages, visiting spectacular lookouts, sitting beside clear flowing creeks or discovering the many beautiful valleys that dominate the region.

You'll be surprised at the range of things there are to do in the Lithgow area and the wide choice of places to stay – from six stars with all the frills to camping with all the thrills.

Best known for its industrial heritage, Lithgow is also an exquisitely beautiful area boasting seven national parks and rare flora and fauna.

Looking for something a bit different why not attend one of the many festivals and events Lithgow hosts throughout the year including Rydal Show (February), Lithgow Show (March), Ironfest (April), Daffodils at Rydal (September), Halloween (October) and Lithglo (December)

Explore the Capertee Valley and Mudjee to the north, Jenolan Caves and Oberon to the south, Bathurst to the west and the Blue Mountains and Sydney to the east.

But most of all stay a few days and explore the Lithgow area itself. It's



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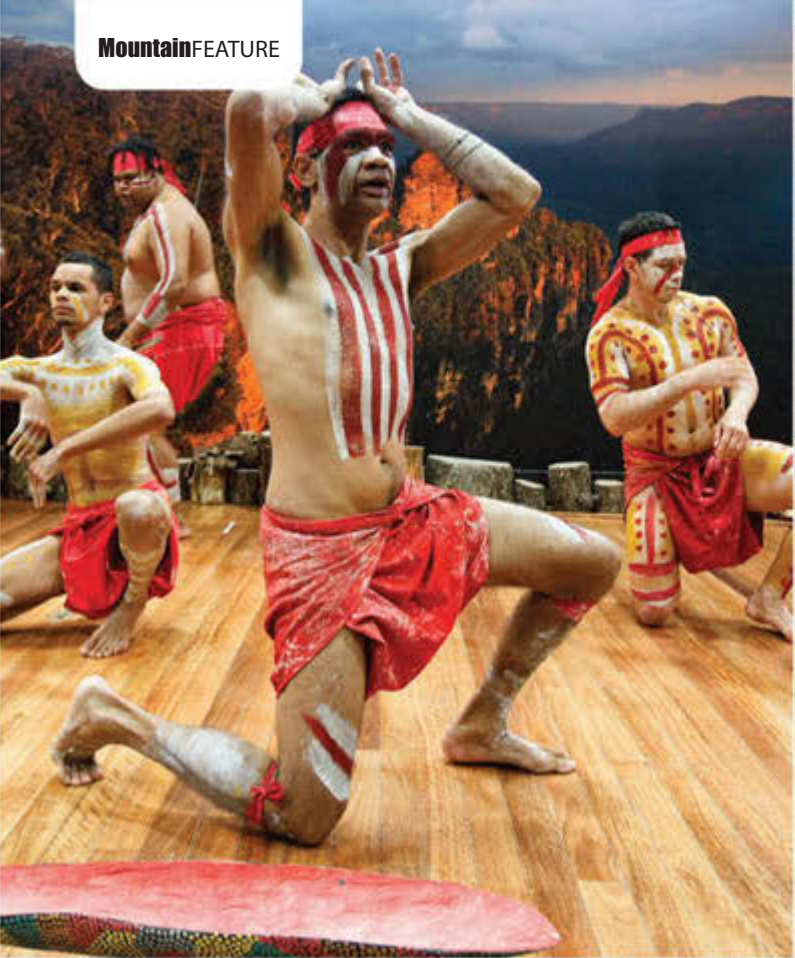
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Mountain Heritage

Toasty fires, roast dinners and puddings, decorations and Santa: the season the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon region is renowned for has arrived - Yulefest.

"Yulefest in this region is a magical time when this unique landscape is transformed into an icy winter wonderland yet our hotels, motor inns and guest houses, our restaurants and cafes become warm havens with roaring fires, hearty meals and hot drinks to retreat from the winter chill."

The history of Yulefest in the Blue Mountains began 35 years ago with a small group of Irish visitors relaxing in front of a fire after enjoying the crisp, clear winter climate. They commented on how the conditions and atmosphere reminded them of Christmas celebrations back home, so a savvy hotelier offered to re-create a similar festive atmosphere and meal for his nostalgic Celtic guests.

That first Yulefest held at the Mountain Heritage was a hit. Word spread throughout the region and before long, St Nick was doing the rounds twice a year.

Today, many hotels, restaurants, motor inns and guest houses in the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon region offer Yulefest celebrations.

Mountain Heritage Hotel and Spa Retreat, Katoomba (Saturday June 27 and July 4, 11, 18 and 25): Popularly regarded as the "home of Yulefest" in the region. There will be pre-dinner drinks from 6pm in the lounge followed by a five-course dinner and entertainment, visit by Santa, a souvenir photo and after dinner treats. Cost: \$159 adults. \$69 children (5 - 12 years), \$15 children (0 - 4 years). Accommodation packages available. Bookings and details: contactus@mountainheritage.com.au or 02 4782 2155 or www.mountainheritage.com.au

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Heaters of today are self-regulating, creating a safe and energy efficient source of warmth. Some have an LCD digital display panel including room temperature display, heat settings, auto and fan only settings and an oscillating action to better circulate heat.

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Whether simply relaxing at home or enjoying breakfast on a chilly morning, these heaters are ideal for provide warmth in different areas of the house.

Efficiently Warm

Winter has come early across the Blue Mountains and homeowners are starting to battle with their thermostats and finances, leaving many looking to upgrade to a more energy efficient heating option.

Achieving winter comfort doesn't need to be difficult. There are ways to ensure an effective, affordable and environmental solution.

Local Blue Mountains family-run business, Da-Mell Air Conditioning and

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Comprised of a team of highly skilled, accredited professionals, Da-Mell is committed to delivering the perfect level of comfort and control for the home. The team applies their range of quality, innovative and environmentally friendly natural and LPG ducted gas systems to design and install the most appropriate, efficient and effective heating solution for the home.

With a wealth of industry knowledge and experience in serving Blue Mountains residents for over 40 years, the Da-Mell team understands the unique climate of the region and takes a personalised approach to each home, understanding current and future lifestyle needs and specific home requirements and layouts, to effectively help customers find the product that best suits them.

"Gas ducted heating is one of the most efficient ways to heat a house, and it's never been a better time to upgrade then now," explains Tania Pearce from Da-Mell Air Conditioning and Heating. "With up to \$1,000 of cash backs through Jemena with the purchase of a Brivis ducted heater – now's your time to consider gas heating".

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"It's simple – using natural gas will lower the amount of electricity a household needs, in turn reducing energy bills and ultimately saving the household money. With electricity prices on the rise, this is one step homeowners can take to protect themselves against future price hikes."

"While some householders shy away from gas ducted heating systems because of their upfront cost, those that are thinking ahead and installing systems now can save thousands over the coming years."

Da-Mell Air Conditioning and Heating is located at the foot of the Blue Mountains at 4/84 Old Bathurst Road, Emu Heights. Call Da-Mell on 4735 3300.

Seven Stars

Lower Mountains Air Conditioning has just revealed that they now stock the worlds first 7 star equivalent ducted gas heater.

The local business, which was established in 1988 by John Du Rieu and recently purchased by Andrew Strathdee in 2014, is one of only a few suppliers to this unit.

Andrew has been working together with John since he started his apprenticeship 20 years ago and both live and work in the local area of the lower Blue Mountains, serving the community and surrounding areas. Qualified and experienced refrigeration, air conditioning, and electrical technicians, Andrew and John have had extensive experience in the field installing and servicing domestic and commercial air conditioning,

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Wood Heating

Wood Heaters are set to get cleaner with a change in their emissions and efficiency requirements changing from 8 August this year. All new heaters sold must comply with these lower emission levels of 2.5 grams of particulate emissions per kilo of wood burnt, and have an efficiency requirement of 55 per cent.

Lopi Fireplaces are proud to have one of the lowest emission and highest efficiency units on the market with the Cape Cod.

The Lopipe Cape Cod is a cast iron stove with a difference as most stoves of this type are radiant only. The Cape Cod has a full five sided convection chamber beneath its beautiful cast iron surface meaning hot air can be blown into the room with the assistance of its quiet but powerful rear mounted blower.

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In 2019 the proposed emissions of wood heaters may be set to lower again to less than 1.5 g/Kg with every heater sold having an efficiency of at least 60 per cent. The Lopipe Cape Cod even beats these proposed changes by some way.

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BRONZE Goddess

To capture the season of light and the power of the sun, Estée Lauder introduces NEW Bronze Goddess Shimmering Nudes, a collection of powder and gelée bronzers, creamy highlighters, a shimmering eight-color eye shadow palette and glossy lip and nail shades. The heat and light of summer are fleeting and meant to be honored and adored. Extend the season with these gorgeous, shimmering shades.

Gelée Bronzer

Universally flattering, creamy and weightless to the touch, this new gel bronzer glides onto the skin to create a natural radiance. Its sheer texture lets the wearer's skin tone show through, and creates a subtle veil of sun kissed color. This versatile and innovative gel formula can also be worn over foundation.

Bronze Goddess Illuminating Powder Gelée

This blendable, buildable, illuminating formula combines the best of a subtle shimmering powder with the versatility of a gel. It's never been easier to create a healthy glow, or enhance your look with a hint of polish, than it is with this universally lovely soft peach shade. Add subtle highlights by sweeping it along the cheekbones or along the bow of the upper lip or use it in conjunction with a powder bronzer to create a more dramatic, contoured effect with a sculpting foundation brush.

Bronze Goddess All Over Illuminator

Give face, décolleté and shoulders an all over-glow. This creamy, blendable, buildable stick highlighter is endlessly versatile. Skin looks instantly refreshed, rested and alive, infused with a youthful, summery glow. Add a sheer veil of color to create subtly shimmering accents, or enhance a contoured cheek with bold highlights.

Bronze Goddess Powder Bronzer

This silky powder bronzer imparts a beachy glow to face shoulders and décolletage to enhance a tan or summon the sun on overcast days. Brush it across the high plains of the face, along the hairline and cheekbones where the sun hits your face, and don't forget to sweep it down the center of your neck and onto your collarbones as the finishing touch. Available in four warm shades to suit every skin tone—light, medium, medium deep and deep.

Bronze Goddess Shimmering Nudes Eyeshadow Palette

Eight shades of dynamic neutrals in soft pressed powders—five sensual shimmer nudes to create definition and depth and three shimmering metallic colors – create infinite possibilities for eyes. For a more amplified look, apply the three shimmering metallic shades wet. Packaged in a sleek, elongated compact with a mirror and double-ended applicator, decorated in signature tortoise shell, it works beautifully for the entire spectrum of skin tones.

Pure Color Gloss Pen in Bronze Goddess

Lips get a wash of glossy color in a fresh and flattering pink-tinged nude shade. The flow through brush makes application easier (and more mess proof) than ever. The sleek golden pen slips easily into a clutch or a beach bag. Available in Nude Coral, Nude Pearl and Nude Bronze.

Pure Color Nail Lacquer

The trend toward elegant and shimmering, nude nails continues with a rich, tawny shade—the perfect balance between rose and beige brown—and a long-wearing, shimmering finish. Available in Nude Pearl.



THE COUNTDOWN TO YOUR *Wedding Day*



Words by Matthew Ely FGAA
Designer/Jeweller/Gemologist

At York Jewellers we sometimes get asked what kind of timeline a Bride to be should work to in regards to organizing wedding rings, getting their engagement ring cleaned and selecting any bridal jewellery for themselves, or gifts for the Groom or bridesmaids.

I've put together a little guide for you in the lead up to your big day to take the stress out of some of the organizing for you!

6 months out from your wedding day, start to think about what you would like design wise for your wedding rings. Sometimes it's better to start even earlier to get a gauge on price if you need to make sure you work this into your overall wedding budget. Hand crafted pieces can sometime take up to 6 weeks to make (depending on workflow in the workshop) and you may not make a decision right away so it's always best to give yourself plenty of time to have these completed.

3 months out from your wedding. By now wedding bands will be all finished and waiting for their big reveal! Now is the time to look at what you want to present to the special people in your bridal party, partner



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as a wedding gift to present them with on the morning of your wedding day. Great gift ideas for the groom are watches or personalize cufflinks, and popular ideas for the bride are diamond studs or a diamond tennis bracelet. You can't go wrong with these guys!

1 month until the big day. Be sure to try your wedding rings on again to make sure that the sizing is still ok. You still have time to re-size them before the wedding if needs be.

1 week before the wedding it's a good idea to have your engagement ring cleaned and polished to make sure that it's looking its best! As we have our workshop onsite in Penrith we can do this in a day or two, if not the same day. Over the course of the week leading up to the wedding, try not to wear your engagement ring (if you can bear it) just to keep it as bright as possible.

If you are at the time now when you want to start looking at wedding bands feel free to come and visit us at the For Eternity Bridal Fair at Panthers Exhibition Centre on the 20th and 21st of June. We will have expo only offers on the day so be sure to contact us to book your appointment so that you don't miss out! ♦

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Milestone

The 30th Season of Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week came to an end in Europe. Held in Moscow it featured designers from Russia, the Ukraine, Belarus, the USA and other countries. The event also presented collections of the emerging designers who however have already proved they are worthy of public and fashion critics' attention. Among them: Yulia Prokhorova Beloe Zoloto, Osome2some, 075/ohseventyfive, DIMANEU, ZDDZ London, KoJewelry, Bella Potemkina, OFERA by Oksana Fedorova. Besides such young brands as Osome2some, Mineral Weather, Vika Smolyanitskaya, Lovelies by LT also showed their collections. ❖





Film Hacks

The internet and bloggersphere is abuzz with talk of product 'hacking' - repurposing a product to change its appearance or make it perform a different function to the one its manufacturer intended. Window film is one such product.

Developed in the sixties by NASA, window film has long been used to reduce solar heat gain in buildings and vehicles. Now there are new and quirky applications for film conceived every week. Here, are 3 ways film can stylishly solve problems in the home...

Clean and simple

Bathroom window treatments can be tricky. Privacy and light are essential, yet curtains are impractical, blinds hard to clean and awnings unsightly. Ally Cronan, WFAANZ President, suggests, "Frosted or decorative window film solves many problems at once in the bathroom. It provides privacy and light while enhancing the clean and simple lines popular in modern bathrooms."



Dogs are talking

Some dogs take their job of house protector seriously, barking at anything that dares pass the front window. If incessant, the barking could contravene council noise regulations. Using decorative or frosted window film on the lower windows or your pooch's favourite pane obscures their vision to help solve the dilemma.

Keep it crisp

Why do white kitchen cabinets start to yellow? Direct sunlight is the main culprit, which over time can fade painted wood and laminated surfaces. Window film on kitchen windows has been found to shield cabinets from direct sunlight and prevent fading. ❖



Latest Trends

For over 17 years, Choices Flooring Penrith has been helping local families, businesses and builders find the floor they've been searching for. With the local community at the heart of their business, Choices Flooring Penrith showcases the latest trends in carpet, timber, bamboo, laminate, luxury vinyl, tiles and rugs, in addition to those of a more traditional nature, to ensure they have the perfect flooring solution for every space and budget. Choices Flooring Penrith's Owner and Manager, Mr Tom Rigby, said having the right product selection and providing exceptional service has always been the key to maintaining a successful business. "Like paint, flooring creates the base for any space. As such, it's important for us to ensure we get it right for our customers - both visually and practically," Mr Rigby said. "Aside from the continual developments in our product selection, we take pride in our team's exceptional product knowledge, which includes understanding the impact different textures and colours have in a space. Having a complete understanding of all elements in a room ensures we provide a greater service to our customers, to help them find the floor they've been searching for." For further ideas visit their showroom at 131 Coreen Ave, Penrith, and get a free copy of Inspiring Choices 2015 magazine. ❖



Panther Safe

A safe and inviting entry to any home is critical when trying to create a good first impression.

Since 1995 Easyview Blinds has been supplying high quality window furnishings to businesses and homes in the Blue Mountains and Central West and in 2011 they were granted a security licence to install security doors and screens. Easyview Blinds principal George Auld says: "We recommend Panther Protect doors and screens as they are the best on the market". The frames are available in a wide range of colours and the screen mesh is available in stainless steel or high grade galvanised mild steel. "The mild steel option has proven to be more popular because of its price advantage" George added. They exceed the Australian standard for impact testing by a factor of 20 and as such are certified as a security product. The doors have a triple lock and three hinges and with the strong aluminium frame, they present a formidable barrier to an intruder. Panther Doors and screens have also been tested to Flame Zone capability for bushfire protection. You can order your door with either stainless steel mesh or mild steel. The mild steel is toughened, galvanised and powder coated black. Easyview blinds also supplies Panther doors without the triple lock, which although they are not classed as a security door, they are still a very good door.

All door frames are available in a great range of colours. Please call us for a free no obligation measure and quote. Easyview Blinds come to your home, measure your windows and/or doors and will give you a free no-obligation quote. Call them on 6351 2518. ❖

Bathurst Heritage Kitchens

A family owned business operating in Bathurst since 1984 whose reputation is built on attention to detail. Owned by Peter Eldridge, they specialise in building and installing individually designed and custom built kitchens, laundries and vanities. Peter said that over four years ago the business expanded to include bathroom renovations which has proved to be very successful for them.

Bathurst Heritage Kitchens can re-design and renovate your existing kitchen, bathroom or laundry to suit any style you require. Their kitchen, bathroom and laundry designs range from the ultra modern to the thoroughly traditional. A wide range of features and colours are available to allow you to style your kitchen, bathroom or laundry to suit your own personal taste.

Their service covers Bathurst, Lithgow, Oberon, Mudgee, Orange and Upper Blue Mountains area. Visit the showroom which is on two levels and speak to their staff who can show you the options that are available. Or, if you are looking for a renovation of your existing kitchen or bathroom, they can come to your home and design an area that will suit your needs.

Bathurst Heritage Kitchens offers a range of services including organising reliable, qualified tradespeople such as electricians, plumbers, gyprockers, painters and tilers, so that your renovation project can proceed with a minimum of worry for you. All work undertaken is done by fully licensed tradespeople. ❖

Bathurst Heritage Kitchens, 6 Kirkcaldy Street, Bathurst.

Phone (02) 6332 1866. See their website on www.bathurstkitchens.com.au



To Recover Or Replace?

Should we keep our trusty but tired old lounge furniture or throw it out?

Many householders are all but overwhelmed by this very question!

The recent influx of low quality, cheap imported lounge furniture has seen a general deterioration in standards and there is a growing trend to preserve and restore older pieces of superior quality.

This trend applies not only to antique furniture but also to more contemporary furniture (eg Parker, Moran, Van Treight) manufactured in Australia over the last 50 years.

Popular restoration and reupholstery projects include "club" and "square arm" lounge suites, wingback armchairs, traditional and contemporary dining chairs, chaise lounges, bridge chairs, bedroom chairs and recliners.

Generally speaking although reupholstery is very labour intensive it is usually cheaper to restore an existing lounge rather than to replace it with new furniture of equivalent quality.

The availability of modern materials and foams provides more flexibility with the upholstery of modern furniture, but older antique pieces still require the use of traditional materials and skills to preserve and enhance their value.

It may take many hours just to strip and prepare a traditional piece before restoration can commence.

All the existing fabric or leather must be removed along with most of the "under upholstery" and padding, and the frames, webbing and springs need to be checked and repaired.

The end result is that the cost of materials can be similar to new furniture and labour costs can be even higher, but restoration and reupholstery is still usually a viable option when compared to much of the mass produced furniture available today.

For 35 years a local upholstery business, Astrid Furniture, has been successfully overcoming these challenges with a team of dedicated and talented tradespeople who are passionate about their craft and have won many awards in recent years.

Astrid Furniture operates throughout the Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains, Penrith and Hills districts.

As well as exhibiting their furniture the company showroom also offers a stunning array of local and imported upholstery fabrics and leathers sourced from a number of major Australian and international suppliers. ❖

Further information on Astrid's services and products is available on the company website: www.astridfurniture.com.au

Winter Oils

Celebrate winter by making a traditional Yule Oil.

For many people, Yuletide is a time to gather with family and friends to celebrate the Winter Solstice. This event marks the beginning of a new solar year; and symbolises a time of rebirth and renewal as the sun slowly makes its way back to the earth.

The word "Solstice" literally means "the sun stands still." On this day the path of the sun has reached its furthest southern position. This results in the shortest period of sunlight during the entire year before the path of the sun turns northward once again.

Yuletide is traditionally from the ancient mid-winter Celtic Christmas Festival. As a Festival of the Sun, the most important part of any Yule celebration is light - candles, bonfires, fireworks and good cheer. Many of the ancient customs such as the burning of the Yule log, dancing, feasting, decorating a tree and wassailing (the drinking of hot mulled cider) are still celebrated today.

Katoomba is holding its annual Yuletide Winter Magical Festival on the day of the Solstice – the 22nd June. Surrounded by the majestic Blue Mountains, what better way to Welcome the Sun and make merry than to enjoy the local festivities.

Experience the magic of music, street, stalls, and community activities featured around the themes of peace, light, and mind body spirit in one of the most famous towns in NSW.

Leura Health Foods invites you to experience this, by opening its doors on this most magical day. Boasting an atmosphere of ambience and tranquility, be treated to an impressive range of books on Numerology, Poetry, Yoga and Wicca to name a few. Sample warming gourmet ginger cordials and ciders. Listen to alternative mind body and soul music and meditations. Feel and see the beautifully coloured crystals on display. And enjoy the huge range of hand made wares, health foods and gourmet treat goods on offer.



Be inspired on festival day as you take in all that this friendly alternative, shop has to offer. Delight your senses with choosing incense for burning; sage for cleansing rituals; scented soy candles for light; and pure essential oils – many of which are featured in the Winter Solstice celtic traditions.

To make your own Yule Oil, we suggest:

- $\frac{1}{8}$ Cup grapeseed oil or other base oil of your choice.

Then add the following:

- 4 drops pine oil
- 2 drops orange oil
- 2 drops cedar oil
- 2 drops juniper oil
- 2 - 3 small lumps of frankincense, finely ground

Use during your Yule celebrations to anoint participants or tools, or simmer on an aromatherapy burner.

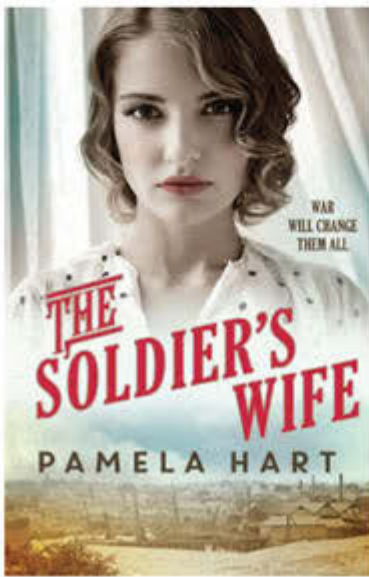
If you want to give some magical gifts to people for Yule, Tarot and Oracle cards are always popular. The Rider Waite Tarot remains a firm favourite, but there are also Angel cards and rune stones. Crystals are also used commonly in rituals. There are beautiful ancient Tibetan quartz pieces, wands, and many garnet specimens to have in your sacred space. Garnets are renowned for their internal simmering, fiery quality that warm against any bitter cold. Their gorgeous red colour symbolises the colour of Yuletide.

Hand made small drums, rattles and tambourines are also available should you wish to join in music around the bonfire or invoke the elements as you honour the Winter Solstice.

We look forward to sharing this and much more with you during the Magical Winter Festival.

Let all the earth and sea and sky receive with you the blessing of Yule! ❖

Great Reads



The Soldier's Wife

By Pamela Hart

Newlyweds Ruby and Jimmy Hawkins are sure their love will survive the trauma and tragedy of war. Amid the desperate battles raging in Gallipoli, Jimmy dreams of the future they planned together. In Sydney, Ruby reads his romantic letters full of love and longing.

But as weeks slip into months Ruby must forge her own new life. When she takes a job at a city timber merchant's yard, she is thrown into a man's world fraught with complications. And as the lives of those around her begin to shatter, Ruby must change if she is to truly find her way. Is she still the same woman Jimmy fell in love with?

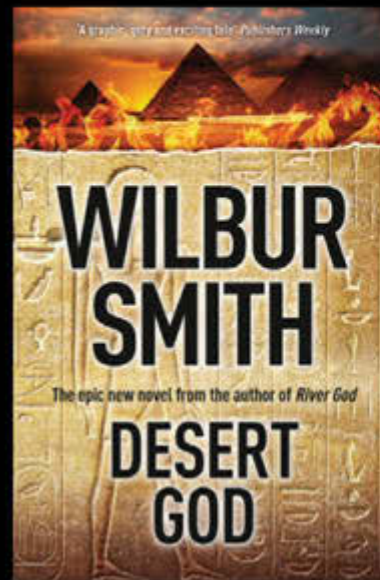
Desert God

By Wilbur Smith

On the banks of the Nile, a hero will rise. Across the lush plains of Egypt, Taita, a freed eunuch slave, wears his authority lightly. Not only is he the close advisor to the Pharaoh, but he is guardian to Pharaoh Tamose's two teenage sisters, the young beauties Tehuti and Bekatha.

But the kingdom is not at peace. They have been fighting Southern Egypt's constant and historic enemy, the Hyksos people in the north, since time began. To finally crush them, Pharaoh must turn to his most trusted friend.

Taita, philosopher, poet and expert strategist, has a plan that will see Egypt destroy the Hyksos army and form a coveted alliance with Crete in one move. This plan will take him, his expedition commander Zaras, and their mighty warriors on a perilous journey.

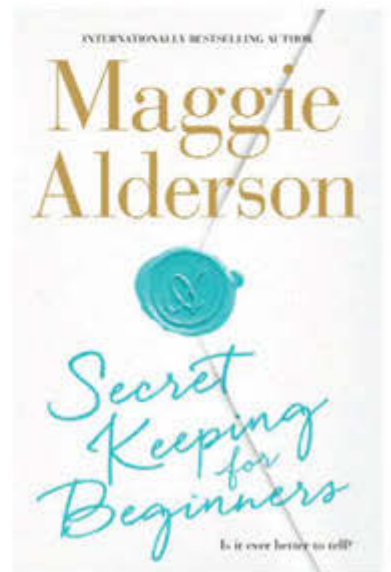
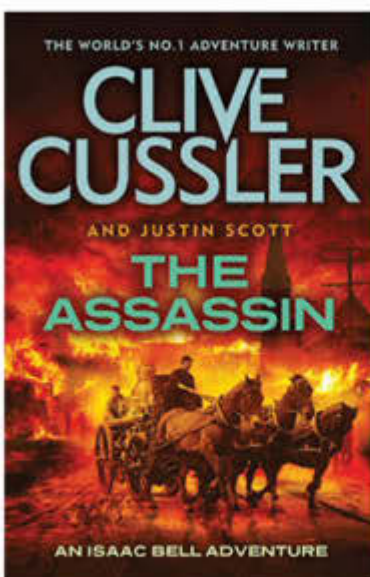


The Assassin: An Isaac Bell Adventure

By Clive Cussler & Justin Scott

As private detective Isaac Bell begins his investigation into John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil monopoly, the case soon takes a deadly turn. A sniper begins murdering opponents of the company, and soon the assassin - shooting with extraordinary accuracy at seemingly impossible long range - kills Bell's best witness, a brave and likable man. Then the shooter detonates a terrible explosion that sets the victim's independent refinery ablaze.

Bell summons his best investigators to scour the site of the crime for evidence. Who is the assassin and for whom did he kill? But the murders - shootings, poisonings, staged accidents - have just begun as Bell tracks his phantom-like criminal adversary on a manhunt around the United States, from Texas to a tycoon's enclave of New York, and on to war-torn Russian oil fields on the shores of the Caspian Sea, before a final, desperate confrontation that will prove to be the most explosive of all.



Secret Keeping for Beginners

By Maggie Alderson

Recently divorced Rachel is juggling her new dream job in interior design PR with the demands of two young daughters. She's full of creative ideas but - even with a colourful childminder or two - some days she can't make it into the office on time and in matching shoes. Her life is balanced more precariously than she cares to admit.

Tessa, a talented muralist, is feeling flat. Her kids are growing up and she's feeling upstaged by her husband's new-found celebrity as the host of a reality TV fireplace restoration show. But everything turns on its head when she gets a surprise from her past.

Youngest sister Natasha leads a glamorous jetsetting life - she's one of Vogue's favourite make-up artists who regularly creates the looks for the biggest shows in Paris and Milan. Single and childless, she's been focused on her career - but when the lie she's concealed for years threatens to come to light, the truth will make her question everything.

Education Round Up

Future Looks Bright

Two major infrastructure investments have signalled the beginning of a new era of boarding at Orange's Kinross Wolaroi School.

This year KWS has officially opened the doors to a new boys' boarding house on the Wolaroi site and a new recreation centre on the girls' PLC boarding site – the developments representing stage one of a \$15 million building program. However Director of Boarding Alistair Miller says the new "bricks and mortar", while impressive, are simply the physical manifestation of the school's deep commitment to providing quality boarding education.

"I have worked in boarding schools for the past 25 years but I've only been at KWS for four years, so I'm still a relative newcomer," Mr Miller said.

"To be frank, I regularly find myself surprised – and delighted – by the commitment of Principal Brian Kennelly and the School Council to boarding. KWS currently educates 1100 students with a ratio of boarders to day students of 45:55. The KWS day school has an excellent academic and co-curricular record and demand for places is such that we could easily fill our ranks with day students. However, Principal Kennelly and the council would not hear of sacrificing boarding places to meet that demand; KWS is a boarding school and boarding is the vital ingredient that gives KWS its 'flavour'."

Mr Miller says the next round of investment in boarding at KWS will help achieve the following goals for all accommodation on both the Wolaroi and PLC sites: houses capped at 50 students, rooms capped at four students, high staff-to-student ratios, no bunks or space savers, and refurbished buildings with comfortable, built-in furniture throughout.

High Achievers

MacKillop College is an all-girls Catholic day and boarding secondary school of 615 students located in Central West NSW. Day and boarding places are available for girls in Years 7 through 12.

Boarding at MacKillop College provides a unique experience of residential community living ten kilometres from MacKillop College at St Joseph's Boarding House, located in the picturesque village of Perthville.

The boarding experience offers a Catholic education in a Josephite tradition meeting the individual needs of modern young women. Personal growth and friendships are developed through the building of relationships based on respect and dignity in a family orientated environment. Students are encouraged to be independent, self-confident and to achieve their personal best in all aspects of life.

MacKillop has a proud academic tradition. Our students have achieved



MacKillop College Captains 2015

excellent results in the Higher School Certificate and in a wide range of external examinations and competitions. A large proportion of the graduating class consistently receive university entrance offers while many students are the recipients of scholarships at tertiary level. In 2014 with a cohort of 89 HSC students, the girls were awarded 40 Band 6 and 198 Band 5 results. Our dux from 2014 was a farm girl from near Coonamble, Isabella Barrett, who was a boarder and achieved an ATAR of 99.2. She believes being a boarder at MacKillop really helped her keep a routine and with study supervisors to help, she could not have wanted more from an education.

Life at MacKillop is enriched with a diverse range of co-curricular activities to develop each girl's interests. A strong commitment to social justice is promoted to encourage students to explore the horizons beyond their school experience. Opportunities are also available to extend student's educational experiences through overseas travel to our sister schools in Japan and France, the Modern History tour to Europe and the French tour to New Caledonia. As places become limited toward the end of each school year it is important to enrol now for 2016.

Vivid

Visual Arts Students from Lithgow High School participating in the Lithgow Halloween multimedia mentoring program experienced a behind the scenes look at Vivid Sydney light, music and ideas event.

Robbie Park, Lithgow City Council's Event Coordinator in collaboration with Lithgow High School has developed the Halloween multimedia mentoring program including a work experience observation and meet the lighting designers during the final setup at this years Vivid Sydney event.

"The Lithgow Halloween event has well and truly developed into multifaceted community and educational event with an exciting multimedia mentoring program for Lithgow High School students," said



Taking Part in Vivid



Peer Support Training

Lithgow City Council Mayor Maree Statham "I'm excited to see this great opportunity for our local High School students to experience and learn from industry professionals at this year's Vivid Sydney festival."

Lithgow High School's Head of English and Drama Mr Brett Jeffers said "Lithgow High School aims to give educational opportunities to students in a number of settings and this project with the Lithgow City Council allows students unparalleled experience in the entertainment industry, developing their skills and knowledge, as well as making contact with industry professionals." The student's taking part in the Halloween multimedia mentoring program will participate in creative workshops throughout the year and will develop some of the creative elements for the 2015 Lithgow Halloween event as part of the Visual Arts student's major project for the year. Providing a range of programs celebrating the cultural diversity and rich heritage of our local government area through the delivery of a diverse range of quality festivals and events is part of Council's strategy to Care for their Community Strategic Plan 2025.

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- Applications for enrolment in 2017 and 2018 are now open
- Places available for 2016 in some year groups, limited number for Year 7 Boarding

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Focus ST

Ford has revealed the price of the Focus ST at \$38,9901.

The hot hatch features sportier and more athletic styling. It has a lower, wider stance with a new dynamically sculpted bonnet, slimmer headlamps and new rectangular foglamps.

In keeping with its performance heritage, the Focus ST sports bodykit also includes body-coloured side skirts and diffuser elements either side of the twin hexagonal centre exhausts and a rear roof spoiler optimised for aerodynamic performance. ❖

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Toyota Unveils Camry

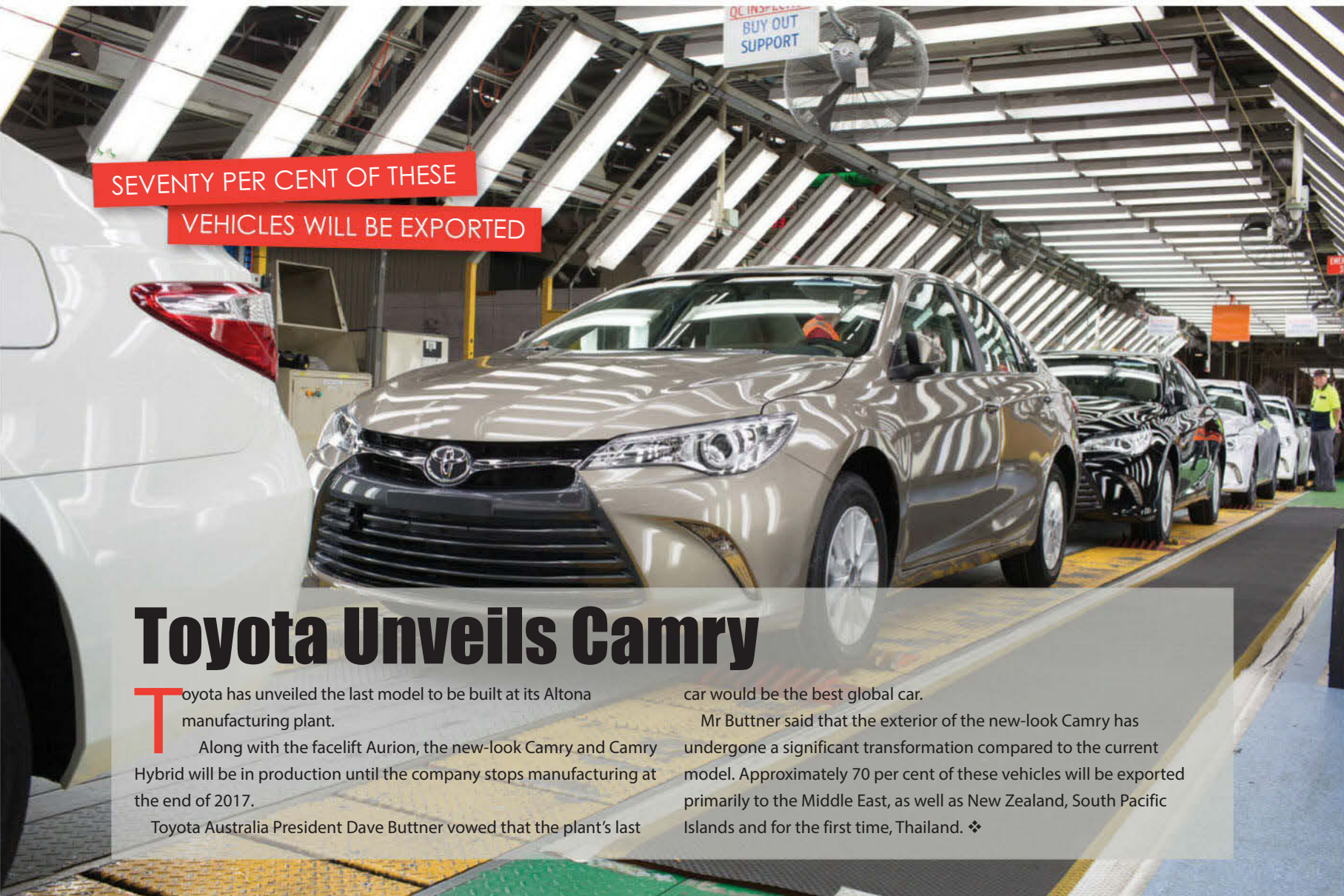
Toyota has unveiled the last model to be built at its Altona manufacturing plant.

Along with the facelift Aurion, the new-look Camry and Camry Hybrid will be in production until the company stops manufacturing at the end of 2017.

Toyota Australia President Dave Buttner vowed that the plant's last

car would be the best global car.

Mr Buttner said that the exterior of the new-look Camry has undergone a significant transformation compared to the current model. Approximately 70 per cent of these vehicles will be exported primarily to the Middle East, as well as New Zealand, South Pacific Islands and for the first time, Thailand. ❖





John Cooper Works

The green light for the latest edition of the of the MINI John Cooper Works has been given the green light.ands.

Inside the car the model features exclusive John Cooper Works sports seats; John Cooper Works entry sills and steering wheel with multifunction buttons and shift paddles in conjunction with 6-speed Steptronic sports transmission. ❖

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Volvo XC90 T8

The XC90 T8 Twin Engine has exceeded all expectations when it comes to the no compromise equation of power and low fuel consumption, coupled with world-class low emissions.

The improvement over the earlier announced figures were achieved thanks to the continuous innovation cycle at the Swedish company. The result of further tuning brings fuel consumption down to 2.1L/100 km while also adding horsepower. This makes the All-New XC90 T8 Twin Engine the clear leader in its segment, with an exceptional combination of low fuel consumption, emissions and pure power.

No other SUV in this class can deliver 43km of pure electric range, 0-100km/h in 5.6 seconds and provide combined power of 407hp (295kW) ñ all in a 7 seat configuration. ❖

Quattro Refreshed

The popular Audi A6 allroad quattro has been comprehensively refreshed, with evolutionary design changes, a new engine, intelligent technology innovations and a price of \$111,900.

At the front of the new allroad features standard LED headlights and adaptive air suspension.

At speeds higher than 120 km/h, it lowers the body by 15 millimetres, and raises it by 35 millimetres at the push of a button. At low speeds, the lift mode brings an additional 10 millimetres of ride height.

A tilt-angle display and hill-descent control program are also standard. ❖

LED HEADLIGHTS & ADAPTIVE
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Facelift

BMW has given the 3 Series a much need fresh look.

Broader side air intakes in the front apron give the new model an even stronger stylistic presence.

The central control panel in the centre console comes in high-gloss black

As an alternative to the classic BMW rear-wheel-drive set-up, the company will also offer an all-wheel drive system.

BMW says it reduces understeer and oversteer when cornering and improves driving dynamics. ❖



THE COMPANY WILL ALSO OFFER
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The allnew Volvo XC90 – A new

The all new Volvo XC90 is a visually striking, premium quality seven seat SUV with world leading safety features, new powertrain technologies, an unrivalled combination of power and fuel efficiency and a superlative interior finish.

The XC90's interior is the most luxurious to have been designed for a Volvo vehicle in the company's 88 year history. The most striking feature is a tabletlike touch screen control console, which forms the heart of an allnew incar control system. This system is virtually button free, a simplicity that opens up generous surfaces and gives us the opportunity to create a modern, luxurious interior architecture.

The interior combines materials such as finest Nappa leather and wood with handcrafted details, including a gear lever made of crystal glass from Orrefors, the famous Swedish glassmaker, and diamondcut controls for the start/stop button and volume control.

Volvo already enjoys a reputation for providing the most comfortable seats in the industry. The new XC90 enhances this reputation by offering innovatively designed seats that also free up interior space for passengers both in the second and third seat rows, helping to make the new XC90 a genuine 7seater.

The full seat core has an ergonomic shape that resembles the human spine. A multitude of adjustment possibilities makes it possible for the individual user to create an ideal seating position. The new seats are available with adjustable side bolsters, seat cushion extension and massage.

The second row features three individual seats with recline adjustment. The sliding function can be used to create more legroom for the passengers in the third row – or to increase loading space. An integrated child booster cushion in the centre seat is optional. The seats in the third row offer classleading comfort for passengers with a height up to 170 cm.

The allnew Volvo XC90 can be specified with a fourzone climate system with individual settings for the occupants in the front seats and in the second row.

The XC90 features one of the top audio systems available in the automotive world. The topoftheline system in the XC90 features a 1,400 W Class D amplifier and 19 Bowers & Wilkins speakers. It also includes one of the first airventilated subwoofers in a car. Integrated into the car body, it turns the whole interior space into a giant subwoofer.

The new XC90 is the first Volvo to carry the company's new more prominent iron mark, which has the iconic arrow elegantly aligned with the diagonal slash across the grille. Together with the Tshaped "Thor's Hammer" DRL lights, the iron mark introduces an entirely new, distinctive and confident face for Volvo's forthcoming generation of cars. ❖

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Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Date: Saturday 6 June, 8.00pm

Contact: (02) 6333 6161

Kelly

The new Australian play, Kelly, written by young Queensland playwright Matthew Ryan, was produced by QTC for their 2012 main stage season. Intimate and compact in design yet a theatrically ambitious drama, which is both contemporary and accessible as it wrestles with themes surrounding one of our country's greatest historic icons.

Ned Kelly sits in his prison cell. Tomorrow he is going to hang. A wounded beast in a cage, defiant till the end. A priest enters to give him his last rites and it is revealed to be Dan Kelly – Ned's younger brother believed burnt to death at Glenrowan. Dan is desperate and needs one last thing from his older brother and Ned stands firmly against him. History tells us that Dan and Ned never saw eye to eye and there is also myth that Dan escaped the fire and disappeared to Queensland. This makes for a

brilliantly charged premise, explored beautifully on stage in 80 gripping minutes, weaving Kelly fact, theory and myth while exploring masculinity, brotherhood and the dangerous dynamic of mateship.

Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Date: Monday 15 June, 8.00pm

Contact: (02) 6333 6161

Head Full of Love

The Annual Alice Springs Beanie Festival is fast approaching and Tilly Napuljari is running out of time to finish her new creation and enter it for judging. Nessa Tavistock, a Sydneysider, has run away to the Red Centre to escape her own problems back in the big smoke. With time and talk, they realise that despite their differences in language, surroundings and upbringing, they are not so different after all. In making their beanie together, Tilly and Nessa's stories become entwined and made into a thing of beauty – row by row, colour by colour, yarn by yarn.

Head Full of Love is the story of these two remarkable women and the unlikely but inspiring friendship which forms between them. It invites you to look differently at the possibilities of the humble beanie: a much-loved everyday item, and an extension of ourselves and the everyday lives we wear.

Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Date: Friday 19 June; 11.00am & 8.00pm

Contact: (02) 6333 6161

Disney's "High School Musical"

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical will come to life on our stage! Troy, Gabriella, and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends, and family while balancing their classes and extra curricular activities. It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the New Year. Basketball team captain and resident jock Troy discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met



Carnival of the Animals.
Photo by Darren Thomas,
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singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical, led by Ms Darbus.

Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

Venue: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Date: Thursday 25 - Sunday 28 June; 7.00pm Evening & Matinee

Contact: (02) 6333 6161

Carnival of the Animals

The Circa Carnival comes to town with whimsical tales of creatures of land and sea, who tumble, fly, leap and spin their way through the many wondrous worlds of the animal kingdom.

Our zebras juggle and flip...

Our kangaroos skip and somersault...

We've elephants with street-cred and rhythm...

And even our dinosaur bones shake, clatter and roll to the music.

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Date: Friday 5 June at 11am & 6.30pm

Contact: 6393 8111

Roger Woodward

Roger Woodward is one of the most revered and adventurous pianists of our time. He has worked to great acclaim with most of the world's

celebrated orchestras and conductors, including Abbado, Mehta, Maazel, Dutoit. One of Australia's One Hundred National Treasures, he was awarded Commander of the Order of Australia and Chevalier des art et des lettres in France. He is also recipient of the Goethe Prize in Germany. His concert appearances and recording activities continue to attract exceptional international reviews, confirming his place in the highest echelon of living pianists. Roger loves nothing more than to share his art with audiences and will be available for book/CD signings after the performance.

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Date: Saturday 20 June 7.30pm

Contact: 6393 8111

Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase

The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase will be tearing up the freeways of Australia for the third year in a row. The crème de la crème of the 2015 Festival Showcase right on your doorstep! Boasting a line-up of the best local and international comics and showcasing some of the funniest and freshest emerging talents, you will be left sore from belly laughs in this jam packed night of pure entertainment! 2014 saw the Showcase put smiles on the faces of more than 15,000 people in more than 45 regional and metropolitan centres over a huge 5 month tour. 2015 is set to be the biggest tour so far! So call your pals, book the babysitter and grab your tickets to the funniest night of entertainment you will see all year!

Venue: Orange Civic Theatre

Date: Saturday 27 June at 8pm

Contact: 6393 8111

Carnival of the Animals.
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- June 19:** **Head Full of Love** *"...will make you think, make you laugh and make you cry. And really, isn't that what theatre is all about?" - ArtsHub*
- July 22-23:** **The Moon's A Balloon** *A balloon can be anything you need it to be*
- August 4-5:** **The Dancer's Company** *Experience world-class ballet live on stage with The Dancers Company, The Australian Ballet's regional touring program*
- August 13:** **earth cry** *A world first collaboration between the premier percussion groups of Australia and Korea*



Film Preview



Love & Mercy

In the 1960s, Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson loses his grip on reality as he attempts to craft his avant-garde pop masterpiece. In the 1980s, he is a broken and confused man under the 24-hour watch of shady therapist Dr. Eugene Landy.



Last Cab to Darwin

Rex is a cab driver who has never left Broken Hill in his life. When he discovers he doesn't have long to live, he decides to drive through the heart of the country to Darwin, where he's heard he will be able to die on his own terms; but along the way he discovers that before you can end your life you've got to live it, and to live it you've got to learn to share it.



Infini

An elite 'search and rescue' team transport onto an off-world mining-facility to rescue Whit Carmichael, the lone survivor of a biological outbreak.



A Royal Night Out

On V.E. Day in 1945, as peace extends across Europe, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are allowed out to join the celebrations. It is a night full of excitement, danger and the first flutters of romance.



Inside Out

After a girl moves to a new home, her emotions are plunged into chaos as they compete for control of her mind.

Warmth of Africa

Words by Brendan O'Reilly

They had to turn the heaters off. The high-energy dancing, heart-warming singing and glowing smiles of the African Children's Choir kept out the May evening chill for the crowd who filled the Blackheath Community Centre.

As well as taking talented children from extremely poor families in Uganda on world concert tours, the African Children's Choir uses donations to fund their education until they graduate from university — helping them free themselves from poverty and become leaders in their communities.

In Blackheath the children's hosts from Crowd Around Community Choir and Lawson Public School Choir joined them on stage for a rousing finale.

The Ugandan youngsters also performed to enthusiastic audiences in Lawson and Penrith. See africanchildrenschoir.com.



Apple Festival

The three day event is timed to include schools, the farmers market and Mothers Day. Cafes and restaurants do apple inspired dishes, both on the plate and in the glass. Ever since the first Orange orchardist, George Hawke harvested two apples from his apple trees back in 1841, Orange has been striving to produce the best apples and cherries in the country. And with that in mind the festival is the perfect way to celebrate the regions food supply.

1. Martin Walters from Harris Farm Markets and Frank - Orange Store Manager pull the winning entry to the mothers day Long Table Lunch. 2. Kids enjoying the Orange Apple Festival Fun Run. 3. Gina Brown, Sue Bonar and Deborah Kwa at the GrAte Apple Cook Up. 4. Kevin Laughton who arrived at the GrAte Apple Cook up with warm apple pies! 5. The team from Ashcroft's Supa IGA who were one of the sponsors. 6. Farm Gate Butchery owner Greg Pearce. 7. The Big Crunch at St Mary's School. 8. Josie Chapman from the Old Convent and Lesley Russell who did the food at the Mothers day lunch. 9. Orange Apple Festival Founder and Coordinator Cath Thompson with mascot *Crunch* who popped up all round the district. 10. Natalie & Simon Forsyth from Ferment, the Wine Store in Orange. 11. Julie McCarron from Appledale Co Op with her granddaughter Kaydence with the Apple City Tours bus.



Youth Week

The Hawkesbury was in full swing to celebrate National Youth Week. The event had a mental health focus to encourage young people to reach out for help and learn coping strategies that can assist in their daily lives. Meanwhile the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery held a special effects make-up artistry introductory four hour workshop for high school aged students and judging from the picture everyone had plenty of fun.



Calleen Award

Attracting 308 entries from across the country, the 2015 Calleen Art Award and Central West Regional Art Award showcased the 55 finalists at a gala opening event. The winner of the 2015 acquisitive Calleen Art Award was Yvonne Boag for her abstract landscape painting titled *Pathway, Namsan Park*. The 2015 Central West Regional Art Award went to Bathurst artist Nic Mason.

1. Callen Winner, Yvonne Boag with her winning painting *Pathway, Namsan Park*. 2. Yvonne Boag receiving Calleen Art Award from the Awards Judge. 3. Exhibition Preview. 4. Peter Fagan (Calleen Trust), Yvonne Boag (Calleen Winner) and Jenni Fagan (Calleen Trust). 5. String Quartet at the Exhibition Preview. 6. Awards Reception Cowra Civic Centre.



Big Hit

The Orange Youth Arts Festival was a big hit with locals. This festival, the first of its kind in the region, sees local schools, businesses, government, and a host of community organisations unite in the spirit of the festival theme 'A Community of Cultures' to celebrate the wonderful tapestry of cultural diversity that continues to enrich our community. The festival featured a number of contemporary and traditional art forms including; dance, music, visual arts, photography and film and will include public exhibitions; street art; professional workshops and a host of other events.





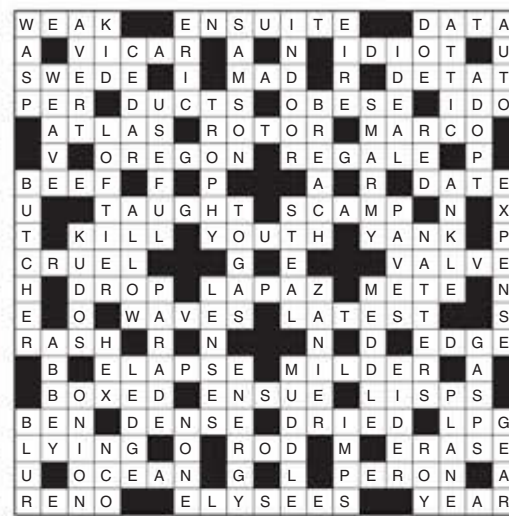
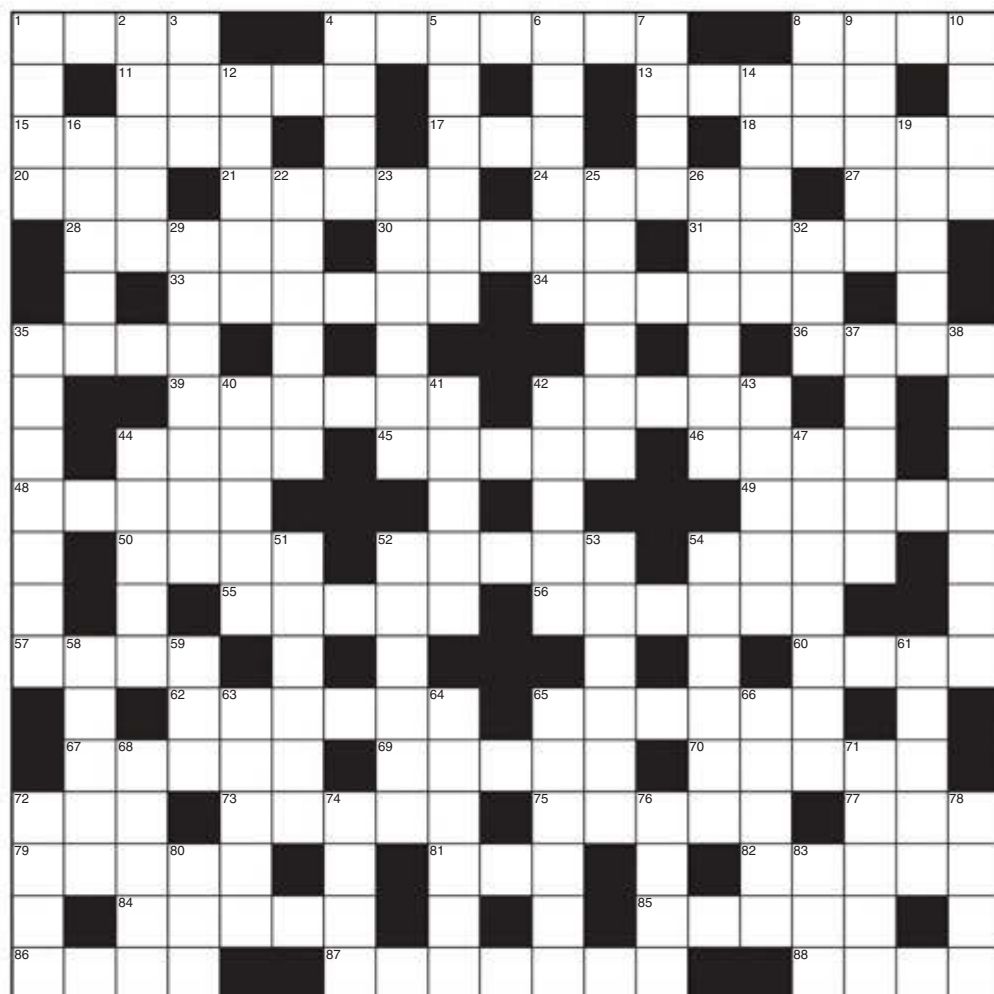
Paper Daisies

Local author Kim Kelly launched her fourth book *Paper Daisies* at Collins Booksellers Orange. Set in 1900 and located around Bathurst and Hill End it features the tumultuous backdrop of Australian Federation and the coming of the Women's Vote. Also at the newly extended store were the Orange High School team of four girls who recently won the Australian Finals of the Kids Lit Quiz gave a short presentation.

1. Kim Kelly signing her latest novel *Paper Daisies*. 2. Michael Caulfield and Kim Kelly. 3. Margaret & Phillip Schwebel in the shop extensions. 4. Karelle Taylor, Margaret Schwebel and Jenny Medd.



Crossword



Answers from APRIL 2015/MAY 2015

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CROSSWORDS & PUZZLES

Across

1. Concrete base for house
4. Emphatic
8. Hop
11. Noughts
13. Dependence on drugs
15. Repeat mark
17. Pixie
18. Entertain
20. My lips ... sealed
21. Light-beam device
24. Frequently
27. Male sheep
28. Suffers pain
30. Glare fixedly
31. Cunning
33. Financial holdings
34. Fascinate
35. Bawl
36. To ... it may concern
39. Interfere (with)
42. Charmer, ... fatale
44. Clear (weather)
45. Coupled
46. Gifted
48. Telling untruths

49. Membership tag
50. Leer
52. Deadly
54. The M of YMCA (3'1)
55. Enthusiastic
56. Sexual drive
57. Team
60. Look before you ...
62. Verbal communication
65. Two-piece swimsuit
67. Of the pope
69. Alleviates
70. Eighth, ..., tenth
72. U-boat
73. Seize (throne)
75. Thick slice
77. Him or ...
79. Tiny particles
81. Legume
82. Scottish families
84. Judges
85. Atlantic or Indian
86. Steamed pudding ingredient
87. Leaseholders
88. Omit

Down

1. Fizzy drink
2. Early Mexican
3. Wager
4. In existing state (2,2)
5. Forewarns
6. Spare cash for
7. Which
8. Actor, ... Carrey
9. Direction change (1-4)
10. Ode
12. Movie parts
14. Hackneyed
16. Very angry
19. Authority (3-2)
22. Suppose
23. High regard
25. Presumed (the worst)
26. Itchy rash
29. Standing still
32. Modern
35. Discolours with age
37. Takes on board
38. Muddled (5-2)
40. Slant
41. Plane detector

42. Savage
43. Flowed away
44. NZ glacial inlet
47. Wool grease
51. Painters' tripods
52. Swordsman
53. Act as link
54. Minerals excavation
58. Computer data
59. Extrasensory perception (1,1,1)
61. Grey
63. Lull
64. Occur
65. Watch out!
66. Sister's girl
68. Dwelling
71. Express appreciation to
72. Gradually weakens
74. Soviet region (1,1,1,1)
76. Musical pairs
78. Please reply (1,1,1,1)
80. Fulfilled (demand)
83. US gambling city, ... Vegas



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